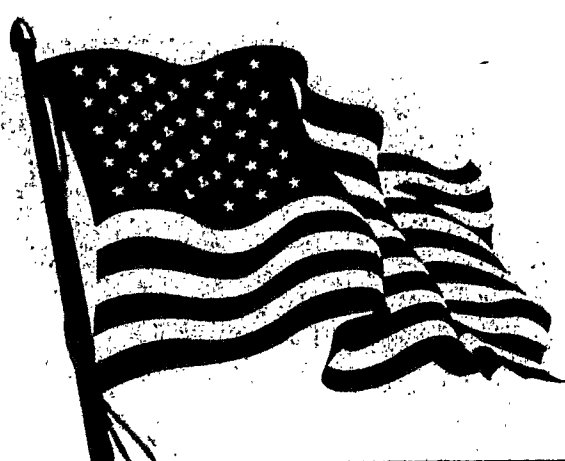


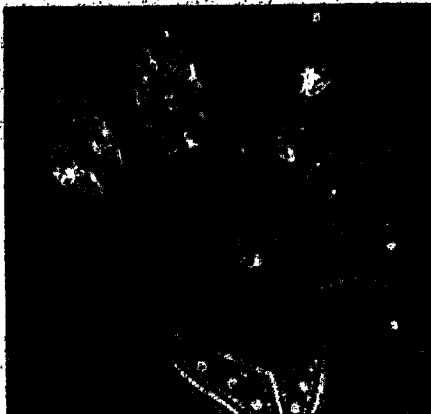
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Law Enforcement Clay Shot set

The second annual Law Enforcement Clay Shooting tournament is scheduled for March 9, beginning at 9 a.m., at the clay pit one-half mile north of the red light in Kiln. Open to all agencies. Call Brian Cuevas at 255-9696 or page him at 516-0157.

St. Rose de Lima Lenten Revival

Fr. Chester Smith, SVD, will lead St. Rose de Lima's Lenten Revival today, continuing Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. All are invited. The St. Rose de Lima Choir will also perform.

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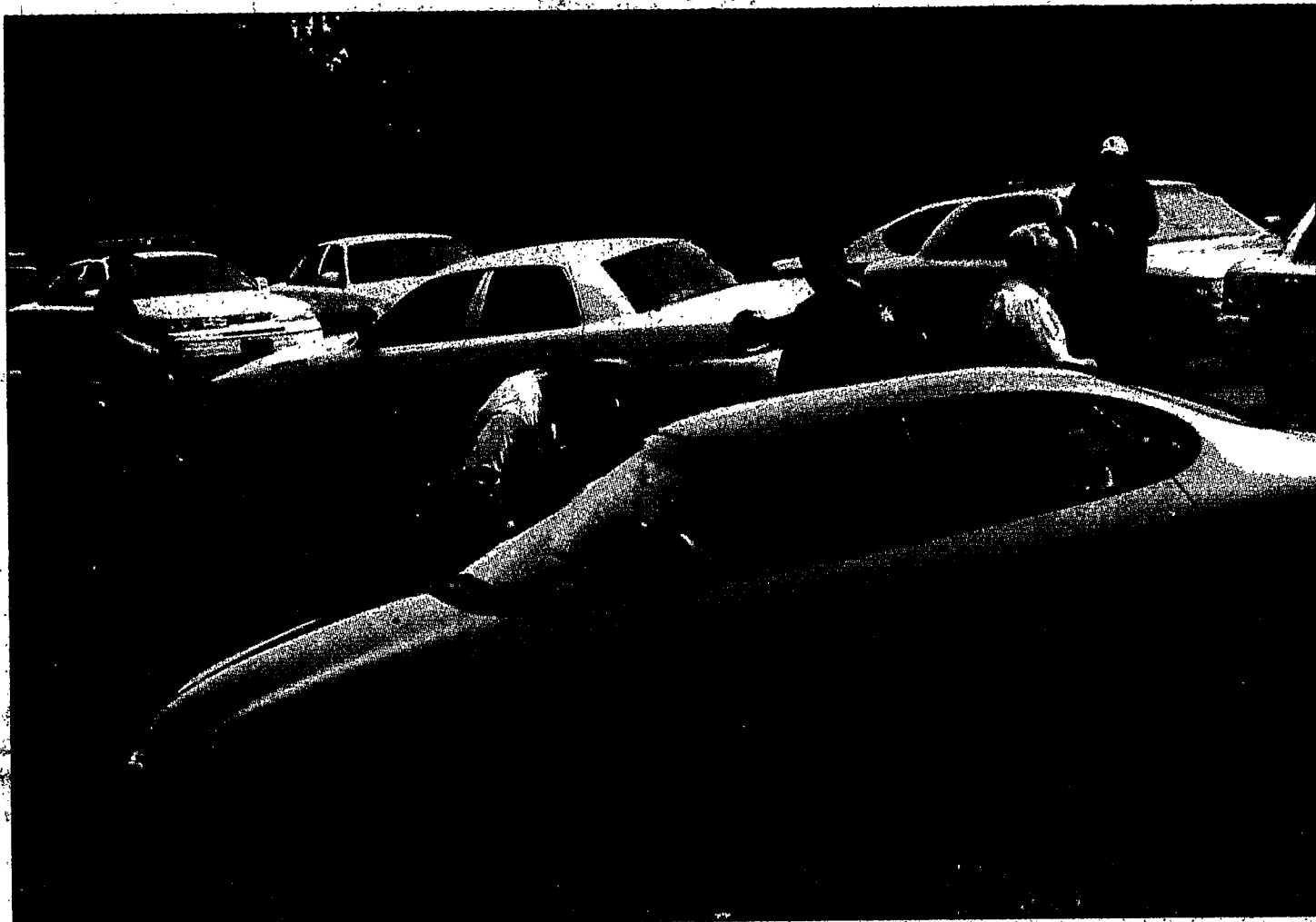
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Officers from several area law enforcement agencies look for evidence Friday after forcing suspected bank robber Louis Stephen Brown off the road near the mile 3 marker on the west side of I-10 in Hancock County.

Multi-agency effort corrals suspected bank robber

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Dale and Dawn Boatman, recent retirees from Knoxville, Tn., got more than they bargained for Friday morning while on their way to Houston – they got caught in the middle of a high-speed, multi-agency pursuit of a suspected bank robber, then had their tires blown out and forced off of I-10 just yards from the action.

"This was our first get-away (since we retired)," Dawn Boatman said.



Waveland Police Chief James Varnell and Gulfport Deputy Police Chief Steve Barnes make sure Dale and Dawn Boatman, recent-retirees from Knoxville who got caught in the middle of the chase, are okay and ready to resume their trip to Houston.

It wasn't a get-away at all for the suspect, Louis Stephen Brown, 42, of Avondale, La. His vehicle was also forced off the road near mile marker 3 on the

west-bound side of I-10 by the "stop sticks," tire-piercing spikes which officers of the Waveland Police Department threw in the road.

Brown was also being chased by officers from several other agencies for the alleged armed robbery of the AmSouth Bank on Hwy. 49 in Gulfport at about 10:39 Friday morning.

According to a press release issued by Gulfport Police Chief Wayne Payne, "Investigation at the scene revealed that a lone black male entered the bank, produced a note stating he had a pistol and demanded money. The suspect then fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. While fleeing, a chemical dye packet planted in the money exploded, causing the robber to drop some of the money."

A witness reported the robbery to a Gulfport P.D. service technician, who

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Hancock targeted in crash lawsuit

Bay couple claims 'negligence' at hwy. intersection

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A couple allegedly injured in a traffic accident in Bay St. Louis a year ago has filed a negligence suit against Hancock County.

County attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr., informed supervisors of the lawsuit Wednesday at a recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and will defend the lawsuit.

The suit was filed in Hancock County Circuit

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One dies, three hurt in Pass car wreck

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A Sumrall woman was killed and four others injured Thursday in an accident on Interstate 10 at the Menge Avenue exit outside Pass Christian.

Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove identified the victim as Itaska White, 69.

Her husband, Thomas,

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Lott, new NASA administrator visit Stennis during rocket test

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

New NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe timed his visit to Stennis Space Center just right on Thursday to push the button that began a 520-second (about 8 1/2 minute) engine test to certify a Pratt and Whitney High-Pressure Fuel Turbo Pump and various actuators and valves and evaluate various engine components and instrumentation to be used on upcoming Space Shuttle missions.

The next Space Shuttle mission

is scheduled to take off on Thursday from Kennedy Space Center.

O'Keefe is on a tour to visit all the NASA centers in an effort to familiarize himself with the facilities. O'Keefe's appointment as administrator by President George W. Bush is the new director's first experience with NASA.

O'Keefe came to NASA from his position as deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. He has a background as a professor of business and government policy



U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, left, and new NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe consult with Stennis Space Center officials Thursday during a rocket engine test at the facility.

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Pass dragged into Palace siege

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Mayor Billy McDonald and the Pass Christian Board of Aldermen have now been dragged into the battle over the Palace in the Pass.

At Tuesday night's Board of Aldermen meeting, city attorney Malcolm Jones informed city officials opponents to the reception hall operating on Scenic Drive have officially filed appeal to Harrison County Circuit Court.

The opponents are asking the circuit court to reverse a unanimous decision made last month by the board, which ruled the Palace was lawfully operating and can continue hosting parties, wedding receptions and other activities at what once was the local VFW Hall, located at 401 E. Scenic Drive.

The decision by aldermen overturned a previous decision by the city Zoning Board of Adjustment, which ruled the non-conforming use — which allowed the local VFW to run a bar, bingo games and hold other activities at the building — did not transfer to the new owners.

The Bill of Exception filed in the First Judicial District of Circuit Court lists residents who claim they live in close proximity to the Palace, and are "aggrieved" by the actions of the mayor and board of

aldermen. They include: William J. and Janet Heroman, Eric Lynch, Nicholas Augustus IV, Timothy and Ann Koerner, Hilda Williams and Barbara Scott.

The appellants in the latest court challenge do not include Scenic Drive residents Patricia Judice or Pat Mowrey, who once led the charge against the Palace.

Appellants are represented by Gulfport attorney Frank Logan, the same person who represented them at the city hall public hearing.

The Bill of Exception makes several claims, which were argued unsuccessfully by Logan during the public hearing. It alleges Palace owners, P.J. Hughes and her son Randy Tuggle, "misrepresented or misstated use of the building as a 'Single Family Dwelling' in their application for a building permit.

As a result, appellants contend the Certificate of Occupancy issued in November 2000 was for "a single dwelling," and the Palace was never subjected to fire, safety and other inspections that would have been required of a commercial venture.

The appellants also contend records of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will show that the VFW was granted nonconforming use to operate as a private club in an area where only single

family homes are allowed, but the city's zoning ordinance does not allow private clubs and lodges to conduct commercial affairs.

"The Palace in the Pass nonconforming use is totally commercial," appellants argue. "The application for a Privilege License dated Oct. 30, 2000 ... is for use for receptions, parties and lists the business as a partnership. Applicants have done an end-run around the City Ordinance by representing to the city Permit Administrator that the proposed use will be a single family dwelling. Such illegal action should not be rewarded by this court," according to appellants.

The judge assigned to hear the appeal will have an extensive record to review.

A crowd of more than 100 packed the city hall chambers for the January public hearing. The majority favored the continued operation of the Palace in the Pass, and said the owners "saved and beautifully restored" what was once a deteriorating building in the midst of palatial homes.

The city hired a court reporter to take down the testimony at the hearing, and a record of those proceedings were later officially entered into the record, listing reasons why the board ruled in favor of Hughes and Tuggle, and allowed the business to continue to operate.



Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter
U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, R-MS, shares a laugh Thursday with new NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe during a visit to Hancock County's Stennis Space Center.

Rocket -- Lott, O'Keefe

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and served for several years as Secretary of the Navy and as chief financial officer and comptroller for the Department of Defense.

He also served on the staff of the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

He was accompanied Thursday by Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, an avid Stennis supporter. O'Keefe said that Stennis' role in the space program is secure and that up to 15 shuttle flights over the next three years are already scheduled.

The missions will be in support of the 15 nation International Space Station and the Hubble telescope project. O'Keefe also said that Stennis will have a

place in new propulsion system technologies, the "next generation" of aerospace studies.

Lott spoke about the other benefits of space travel such as advances in the medical field, remote sensing technology, and earth sciences.

"Just getting into space is important," said Lott. "But what is just as important are the benefits we gain from research there and the benefits to society."

O'Keefe also said that

Stennis could be a center for research into defense against bio-terrorism.

On the issue of civilians going into space, O'Keefe had little to say.

"The standards of training are extremely high," said O'Keefe.

"Anyone going up would have to meet those standards."

Lott jokingly said there were several people he could think of that he would like to send into space, some with a "one-way ticket."

Stennis probe lands another defendant

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A 12th man has been indicted on federal charges of theft of government property at Stennis Space Center.

The FBI issued a war-

rant Wednesday for the arrest of Harrison Davis, who was indicted earlier this month by a federal grand jury. Davis, 51, turned himself into federal authorities Wednesday.

Davis and the 11 others

were indicted after a three-year investigation into a kickback scam at Stennis. The others have pleaded guilty to charges of kickbacks of theft of government property, and have been sentenced to various terms.

Correction

The two men arrested in the weekend slaying of Michele Garrell of Bay St. Louis did not live in the Signature Lake apartments in Pass Christian as reported in Thursday's Echo. Kevin Cameron Clark and his friend, Alton Legee Welch, lived in a house on Palmetto Cove, which is near the complex.

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Feud on display over Pass position

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A public feud has apparently developed between Pass Christian Billy McDonald and two recently elected city aldermen. And, Alderman Michael Antoine, who is in his third term representing Ward 3, has sided with the newcomers.

The differences of opinions were aired very publicly in Tuesday's recessed meeting of the mayor and Board of Aldermen. The battle lines formed over the search for a new public works director.

On instructions from the board, McDonald had already run an ad in local newspapers seeking applicants for the position. Vikki Goff, the city clerk, ran a classified ad she had run before for the same position. The last ad ran Jan. 22, and city attorney Malcolm Jones said the ad was fashioned from an ad run by the city of Ocean Springs for their public works position.

The job description required applicants to have a minimum high school diploma or its equivalent, with some college preferred. Also required was a minimum two years' experience in heavy equipment operations and the ability to effectively and efficiently supervise employees and interact with the public.

Applicants were also required to have "thorough knowledge of municipal regulatory environment, ability to work within the departmental budget, knowledgeable of normal and customary methods of municipal maintenance and possess the ability to oversee that all maintenance functions are safely and effectively carried out."

On the meeting agenda Tuesday night was a request for aldermen to consider adopting the job description for selecting the public works director. The request was to adopt a procedure for selecting the director, which was also agreed to at the Jan. 29 meeting. It was learned all five aldermen discussed the job description and selection procedure at a workshop,

which was not attended the McDonald, who was in the hospital at the time. However, Ward 4 Alderman Donald Moore said nothing was agreed upon at the workshop.

At the Tuesday night meeting, both motions were sponsored by Howard McKissack, the retired businessman who defeated third-term incumbent Jeff Emerson for the Ward 1 seat. McKissack ran on promises he would only serve one four-year term and he won't take his salary of \$8,400 a year.

Originally, McKissack's two-page job description for the public works director would have required applicants to have a Bachelor's degree in engineering or management.

"That ad is nothing like the ad we ran in the newspaper," McDonald told McKissack. From the job description, McDonald said it appeared the city was "seeking an M.I.T. graduate."

He said the city's Public Works Director was "more like a straw boss," and the annual salary of \$29,000 would hardly attract candidates with engineering or management degrees.

McDonald also defended the Public Works duties now being handled by Mike Pavlisick, a seven-year veteran of the Department whom he appointed interim Director last October after 12-year-veteran Billy Billingsley resigned "for personal reasons."

McDonald claimed using McKissack's job description, Pavlisick would not be qualified to apply for the permanent position.

Moore said he had already expressed his concerns about creating any new positions, and he thought the Mayor should be the one to make the recommendation for the position. Antoine came to the defense of McKissack. He said it's time the city upgraded the position of public works director, since the city now spends thousands of dollars each year for engineering consultants called in for harbor projects, drainage improvements, emergency situations and

other problems. He said the salary for the position should be higher than \$29,000, and he said the new director could also take over the city's water department.

"I don't think we need someone with an engineering degree to manage the (water) billing," said Moore. He said people with engineering or management degrees wouldn't work for less than \$40,000 a year.

Antoine disagreed, saying he felt there were a lot of young retirees available in the work force and others who have been laid off from job who might be interested in the position. He said McDonald already had a number of applicants on file.

Alderman-at-large Leo "Chipper" McDermott sided with the mayor and Moore. He said the late James "Smokey" Welch, who served many years as the city's public works director and was viewed as an expert on the city's infrastructure wouldn't qualify under McKissack's job description.

McKissack said he not know in advance that McDonald had problems with the job description, but he and Antoine agreed to relax the requirements. The new job description agreed upon would not require an engineering or management degree, but would require a high school diploma, with three or more years of public works experience and at least two years of management experience.

Joe Piernas, the alderman who won the Ward 2 position after veteran Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif decided not to seek reelection, remained silent during most of the debate, but he sided with McKissack and Antoine on the wording of the job description, and the motion passed 3-2, with McDermott and Moore voting against.

After that action, all five aldermen approved McKissack's motion on how the city would go about selecting candidates to interview. Under the plan, the mayor and each alderman would each select three candidates, then a final

three candidates would be considered by the board.

McDonald paid little attention to how candidates would be selected. He announced he planned to veto the action of the board regarding the job description and the selection process.

The mayor must wait until aldermen approve the minutes from the recessed meeting at the board's March 5 meeting. Then, he has 10 days to issue a veto. It will take a vote of four of the five aldermen to overturn the Mayor's veto.

Later on in the meeting, Antoine grilled city Comptroller Janet Dudding on the length of time it is taking to reconcile billing problems within the Utility Department.

The city purchased new software last year. Both the Utility Department, and the assistant city clerk had worked on the software transition, but had not yet finished, and the Board asked Dudding to take over the project last January.

The city hired a temporary employee to begin inputting data from almost 4,000 accounts into a computer stationed in her office. She told Antoine she "invited" the three Utility Department employees to train on the computer, but none of them have come.

"You would think we could hire someone to do it and be done with it," said Antoine. Under questioning by Antoine, Dudding said she hoped the new billing system could be completed within the next three to four months. McKissack said he hoped the mayor would soon direct the water department personnel to begin training on the software, since they are the ones who will be working with it on a daily basis.



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BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

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Duffield will photograph the event and Harvill will conduct interviews, highlighting the achievements of the women of Hunt Racing, a traditionally male-dominated sport.

The three-day festival will feature 20 races over a three-and-a-quarter-mile all-terrain track with 22 jumps. The average attendance of 150,000 people per day ranges in scope from Irish horse race enthusiasts to the British elite and is a social event of the season as well as the "super bowl" of the National Hunt Calendar. The fact that one of the races is named the "Queen Mother Champion Race" says it all, Harvill said.

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Karen Harvill

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Besides writing and serving as editor for the CEC/Seabee Quarterly, a national newsletter for the U.S. Navy, Harvill is also an illustrator, which she says is her first love. She works regularly for a British publishing house illustrating such things as wildflowers and animals, as well as drawings for textbooks. She is also an accomplished watercolor artist.



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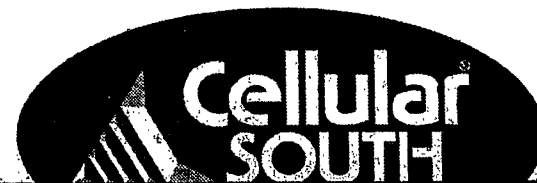
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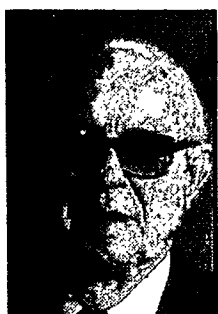


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by Ellis C. Cuevas
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Thursday was a very busy day at the John C. Stennis Space Center with the visit by NASA's new Administrator Sean O'Keefe.

O'Keefe, who succeeded Mississippi native Daniel Goldman as NASA's Administrator, is no stranger to the area, since he is a native of New Orleans and has family residing in Slidell.

The new administrator came on board in December, and has been touring the many NASA installations across the country.

I attended the Partners in Stennis Luncheon for O'Keefe at Stennis Thursday and he offered great praises for the group, which is once again headed up by president Dave Treutel, Jr., of Bay St. Louis.

Partners in Stennis is in its seventh year and Dave was the first president.

Dave and Irma Cry of Slidell, both original members, told O'Keefe about the many projects the organization has been involved in in helping Stennis.

O'Keefe, like many others, is very impressed by Partners in Stennis, as its membership even crosses state lines - it involves folks from Hancock, Harrison, and Pearl River counties and St. Tammany Parish.

The mission of Partners for Stennis is to promote the economic, technical and academic growth and stability of the John C. Stennis Space Center through projects which insure that government decision makers, business interests, and interested citizens know of the value and importance of the center.

Partners in Stennis came about as a result of mutual concerns by business and community leaders from both Mississippi and Louisiana to support and enhance the development of numerous agencies and programs located at Stennis. The association is also

designed to serve as a resource group to those businesses that may have the potential to relocate to the space center.

O'Keefe did indicate that even with NASA's belt-tightening, Stennis will not have a reduction in its workload. Stennis will stay busy to complete the several missions to the International Space Station.

Forest fires are once again a threat to our area, as just this past week more than 685 acres of woods have been destroyed.

I realize that it has been a wet winter, but recent dry conditions along with strong winds play havoc with wild fires.

Hancock County Forester Mark Jamieson reports that fires are occurring at a rate of 3 to 5 a day and many are apparently started by arsonists.

Jamieson says about 90% of the wild fires are started by arsonists.

Fighting a forest fire in strong windy conditions like the one last week is a very dangerous situation for firefighters.

Arson of woods in Mississippi is a very serious violation and the Forestry Commission offers a \$500 award for the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for any arson fire.

If convicted, a person could face a sentence of two years in state penitentiary and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Not only are the animals threatened and woods destroyed by wild fires, but residences and businesses are in danger of being destroyed.

Having been a volunteer firefighter in my younger years in Waveland and even before then, fighting woods fires that threatened our residence and neighbors, was not a joyful chore. I can

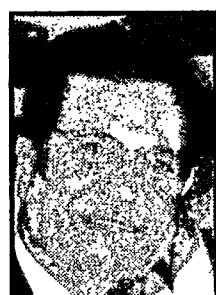
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Improving education, strengthening defense

Recently, President Bush officially submitted his budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2003. Overall, it is a budget which is good for America and particularly good for Mississippi - providing billions of dollars to be spent in our state, notably on two items for which President Bush and I share a mutual resolve - improving education and strengthening defense.

Improving Education: For years, liberals have paid lip service to local educators, all the while advancing failed federal intrusions into our local schools.

President Bush, however, brought to Washington a proven track record of highly successful education reforms enacted while he



From the Senate

by U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

was Texas Governor.

These innovative plans are rooted in a respect for the traditional view of local parents, teachers and school administrators as America's primary educators.

Many of these broad-based solutions were recently adopted when the Senate and House enacted the most dramatic federal education reform in 35 years - the

appropriately titled No Child Left Behind Act. It is quite an accomplishment for a President barely into his first term.

Though the bill did not contain everything I would have preferred, when the dust cleared Mississippi's children fared very well.

The act increases federal education funding for our state to more than \$553 million - nearly \$49 million

more than last year.

The act also increases Title I funding by more than \$13 million, provides more than \$11 million in funding for reading emphasis, sets aside more than \$40 million for teacher training and retention, provides \$5.3 million to ensure safe and drug-free schools, grants \$3.9 million for after-school activities and \$5.2 million for school and teacher assessment.

These reforms are good news for more than 500,000 students, 875 public schools and 30,000 Mississippi teachers.

For our university students, the act further provides an estimated \$156

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The ayes have it

We moved closer to the midway point in the Mississippi Senate this week, and it was a week of long and often difficult debate on a number of issues.

We handled one of the more controversial and painful issues we'll face this session Tuesday when we debated and approved a bill to pay the deficit the Medicaid program faces this year and to contain the costs of our program in the future. This was one of the more difficult measures we'll face this year, I'm sure.

But we had to do something because the rising costs of Medicaid is one of the major reasons for our current budget difficulties.

As you probably know, our Medicaid program has run up a substantial deficit - around \$150 million for this fiscal year - and was in real danger of running out of money by the end of the month.

If the program had been allowed to run out of money, some services to our elderly and disabled would have been stopped. We simply could not allow this to happen.

But we also cannot allow the rate of growth of our Medicaid program to continue to skyrocket as they have in the last year. We currently serve some 639,000 citizens on Medicaid. However, the cost to the state has more than doubled in only two years.

Looking at the cold, hard facts, we knew we had to find the money to pay the current deficit and do some cost containment measures to prevent this situation from arising in the future.

What we did in House Bill 1200 was to draw \$87 million from the Tobacco Trust Fund and another \$21 million from additional tobacco payments ordered by the court.

The money we draw from the trust fund will be paid back in any year in which the general fund revenues grow by more than 5%. The fund currently has about \$720 million.

In addition, we have made some small revisions in the cost to consumers to reduce the deficit. There we had to reduce the number of prescriptions per month from 10 to seven per recipi-



From the Legislature by State Sen. Scottie Cuevas

Letters to the Editor

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ent unless a doctor certifies the patient needs additional medicine.

We reduced the dispensing fee for drugs by a dollar for each new prescription or refill and mandated the use of generic drugs, among other things.

But Medicaid was not all we handled this week, however. With a Thursday deadline for bills that originated in the Senate, we had to work long hours to make sure good legislation survived.

We approved a bill to allow citizens to put their name and phone number on a "no call" list to help cut down on the number of calls consumers get from telemarketers. In law enforcement we approved a measure to increase the number of Highway Patrol troopers we can put on the highways and we attempted to help families by allowing judges to require counseling for families before they grant a

divorce when children are involved.

Also, in light of some current events, we approved a bill that says anyone convicted of stealing public funds be subjected to a minimum of one year in prison.

It has happened in the past that people convicted of such offense were sentenced to only probation and actually never served a single day in jail.

In an effort to save local government a little money, we approved a bill that allows election commissioners to declare a winner in any election where only one person qualifies as a candidate for each office.

This does not happen often but does occasionally happen, and there is no sense spending money on an election in that event.

Sen. Cuevas may be reached in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.

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1952 – Truman Schultz and Roger Heitzmann win State Golden Gloves

TEN YEARS AGO

January 23, 1992 – Board of Supervisors president Mike Ladner has been added a new hat to his collection – that of Veterans Service Officer.

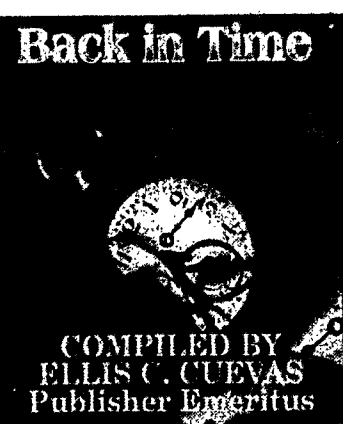
Ladner is filling the post vacated by Paul Moody earlier this month, until the seven local service organizations involved in selecting a replacement can make a recommendation to the board of supervisors. Ladner once served as Veterans Service Officer for over seven years.

– Bay High seniors Jamie Kingston, son of Paul W. Kingston of Sheridan, Ark., and Mrs. Janice L. Drolla of Bay St. Louis, and Patsy Weems, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Weems of Bay St. Louis, were elected by the student body as Mr. and Miss Bay High this year.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 24, 1982 – The residents of four homes located on Harrison Road near the Jourdan River were left without an entrance Thursday night when fence posts were installed in the road.

Walter Gex, attorney for the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, said Friday, "I cannot understand how this thing got this far. I advised the property owner to have the fence posts removed until this can be discussed at the next meet-



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ing of the Board of Supervisors.

(Photo) Letter Carrier Bob Harvey had to walk to deliver a letter to his last customer on Harrison Road off Blue Meadow Road Friday because of fence posts in the street. Harvey said the road had been going in the same direction of the blacktop area for the 12 years he has been making the rounds.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 25, 1962 – Total assets of Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association, Hancock County's oldest financial institution, increased better than half a million dollars during 1961. P.J. Treutel, president, told the annual shareholders' meeting last Wednesday during which officers and directors were elected.

He noted that both as to liquidity and reserves the association has maintained

a position well above the requirements of the Federal Home Loan Bank and the Federal Savings and Loan Corporation.

– St. Stanislaus rode the hot shooting right arms of forward Mike Gore and center Waymon Carr Saturday night for a 63-55 win over Bay High Tigers in the annual battle of Bay St. Louis' two high schools Saturday night in Stanislaus gym.

Bay High's Charles Bennett hit with a long one-hander with one second remaining to give the Tiger junior varsity a 35-33 victory over the Rock JV's in a preliminary game.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 1, 1952 – Truman Schultz and Roger Heitzmann of Bay St. Louis won in the State Golden Gloves championship held in Jackson last Tuesday.

Schultz, who won in the 195-pound heavyweight division, defeated Gilbert Crumby of Jackson. As in Hattiesburg, Schultz was awarded the sportsmanship trophy.

Heitzmann, who was entered in the 146-pound novice welterweight division, won over Jim Landrum, tournament favorite, who had won three previous fights by knockout.

Schultz won his fight with a knockout in 1:20 of

the first round. Both of Bay St. Louis' champions will represent Mississippi at Memphis in the Southeastern Golden Gloves tournament Feb. 5, 6 and 7. The winners of these bouts will go to Chicago the first week in March.

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SIXTY YEARS AGO

January 30, 1942 – Bay St. Louis has missed the number of stalwart soldier lads who were camped here for some time and whose presence we had become accustomed to.

The sights of the boys walking their posts at the railroad span and before the highway bridge, and the heavy army trucks traveling to and from the camp conveying soldiers to and from their watches was a familiar one.

However, a small group of soldiers is still being maintained as a guard for the bridges over the Pearl River, the Rigolets and several other waterways along the highway. These are stationed near Pearlinton and Logtown.

Lott -- 2003 budget

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million – \$10 million more than last year – for Pell Grant funding which will ensure greater access to a college education for deserving Mississippi students.

Strengthening Defense: I am proud to have helped begin a renewed commitment to funding defense several years ago by shepherding a historic pay raise for our men and women in uniform.

Today, President Bush continues this commitment by providing another pay raise for our military, and by funding weapons programs and equipment upgrades that are much needed for a nation at war with terrorists.

As many of you know, when America goes to war, Mississippians – both military and civilian – are front and center. Our military bases and defense contractors are among the world's best, and together they comprise a huge slice of Mississippi's economy.

This is why I am very pleased that the President

has joined me in providing more than \$30 million to upgrade family housing at Keesler Air Force Base, Columbus Air Force Base and Naval Air Station Meridian.

These quality-of-life upgrades, contained in the Bush budget, are an essential part of improving military recruitment and retention.

They will join \$60 million in upgrades and new construction funds for the bases themselves specifically for Gulfport's Seabee Base, Naval Station Pascagoula, Keesler and Jackson's National Guard facilities.

Better pay, better equipment and better living conditions are all part of enhancing America's overall military readiness, which is greatly needed as our uniformed personnel face ever increasing, ever-changing threats to our national security.

The budget also funds Mississippi defense production totaling more than \$5

billion now being performed by our state's workers at places like Pascagoula's Ingalls Shipbuilding, Raytheon of Forest and Lockhead Martin of Meridian.

When we strengthen our education and defense systems we strengthen America. Though the two may seem far apart, these tasks are two of govern-

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recall one time a fire adjacent to our home was so hot that it melted the paint on the side the house.

If you want to be in a panic mode, just have a fire threaten your home at a time when there was no fire department in your community.

In case you need more information on controlled burns, or want to report anything suspicious about a fire in your area, call the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Hancock

ment's primary duties.

It is indeed refreshing to know we now have a man in the White House passionately and sincerely committed to both.

• Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (Attention: Press Office)

County office at 255-4885.

If you noticed the heading on my "Quotes" column on Thursday was omitted. I even had a phone call wanting to know where was my column. It was one of those production glitches which can be accredited to the computer.

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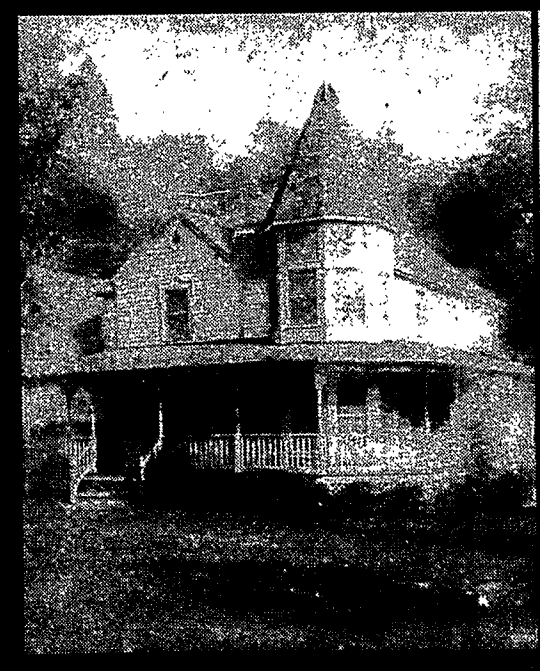
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Biological threat detection system enhanced by NASA research

Research funded by NASA at Stennis Space Center and conducted by the University of New Mexico Earth Data Analysis Center (EDAC) could soon result in an enhanced version of a reporting system that allows health-care professionals to recognize and react swiftly to biological threats.

The Rapid Syndrome Validation Project (RSVP) is a real-time syndrome monitoring system developed by Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), Albuquerque, N.M., to report and analyze symptoms and track disease outbreaks.

By analyzing real-time

health information such as the frequency, chronology and geography of reported symptoms, medical personnel can be alerted to non-specific symptoms that could indicate a biological threat.

The RSVP system tracks symptoms, not just confirmed diagnoses, so unusual symptoms can serve as an immediate warning.

Isolated incidents of fever and malaise, for example, might seem insignificant; a coordinated analysis of those symptoms according to time, location, and frequency, however, could indicate an infectious disease event in progress.

NASA's role in the proj-

ect has been to facilitate the research by UNM EDAC, a NASA Affiliated Research Center (ARC), to evaluate the usefulness of remote sensing data for analysis of disease transmission and origin.

In collaboration with SNL, UNM EDAC is working to add geospatial reporting capabilities to the system. This feature will provide geospatial data, including water conditions, vegetation and wildlife features, to be evaluated in coordination with those analytical features already in place.

"The RSVP ARC project is an example of participating at a very early stage of development of an impor-

tant disease surveillance system which is national in scope," said Michael Inglis of UNM EDAC.

NASA's ARC Program is focused on the development of remote sensing applications to improve decision-making capabilities for critical areas such as environmental assessment, resource management, community growth and infrastructure, and disaster management.

Through innovative partnerships with leading universities, representatives from state, local, regional, tribal and commercial interests can participate in the development of remote sensing applications that ultimately provide an operational capability to the respective user community.

"The RSVP is a good example of a successful ARC project that could yield a valuable product," said

Anne Peek, NASA's Earth Science Applications Directorate at Stennis and ARC program manager.

The RSVP system is operational at the University of New Mexico Medical Center, the New Mexico Department of Health, and several other New Mexico sites. Sandia Laboratories manufactured the database, which is planned for international use.

Burglary, vandalism, flight, land 2 juveniles in detention

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Two juveniles were detained Friday night and are charged with burglary of a business, auto burglary, malicious mischief, in addition to resisting arrest by flight, according to Hancock County Sheriff's Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson.

Around 8 p.m. Friday, D&D Wrecker Service on Highway 603 was burglarized.

"Money and several items were taken from the business and approximately 21

vehicles on the property were vandalized and some burglarized," Blaize-Watson said.

The two juvenile suspects were detained after a chase through the woods and residential areas of Shoreline Park by officers and concerned citizens, Blaize-Watson said.

Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Tim Broder said, "We do not encourage citizens to get involved in cases like this, but, the suspects may not have been apprehended until later if citizens hadn't assisted deputies, who were

chasing the juveniles on foot."

Vandalism to the vehicles included, broken windows, slashed tires and other damages and there appears to be several thousand dollars' worth of damages, Blaize-Watson said.

"Several items and some money was recovered in addition to the tools used to do most of the damage to the vehicles and forced entry into the business," she said. "The two juveniles are lodged in detention and are awaiting a hearing sometime next week."

GRPC dismisses Taylor, Haas

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Gulf Regional Planning Commission, which oversees and has input into numerous projects along the Gulf Coast, has fired its director and longtime legal counsel.

The commission voted 11-4 Wednesday to fire Executive Director Jeff Taylor and its attorney, Mike Haas of Bay St. Louis, who had advised the agency since it began operations in 1964. The firings came despite a letter of support of Taylor from the Harrison

County Council of Governments. Kathy Terry, GRPC's financial officer, will serve as interim director, according to commission President Michelle Bishop.

Taylor had been put on paid administrative leave on Dec. 19 shortly after an audit conducted by the Mississippi Department of Transportation found the GRPC had problems with its bookkeeping. The commission, which manages the Coast's long-range transportation planning, receives about 90 percent of its funding from MDOT and from

federal grants.

The audit disclosed the commission continued to pay rent on a building it paid off in 1991. The building houses offices of the Gulf Regional Economic Development Commission, a non-profit organization that is an off-shoot of GRPC. The federal government had ruled in 1995 that an organization cannot pay itself rent. After the audit, MDOT withheld a total \$32,785 in reimbursements to the commission because of accounting errors found last year.

GE subcontractors lay off 22

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Two GE subcontractors at the Port Bienville Industrial Park have laid off a total 22 workers due to reduced global demand for engineering thermoplastics.

Hal Walters, Director of Hancock County's Port and Harbor Commission, confirmed the layoffs Friday. He said WSI, which handles warehousing, packaging and distribution at the plant, will lay off 11; and J.E. Merit, which provides maintenance and security,

will lay off 11 others.

GE spokesman, Jim Enloe, said thermoplastics sales are down approximately 30 percent from a year ago.

"Since the beginning of the third quarter last year, we've seen a significant softening in global demand for our product," said Enloe. It's affected the amount of work we need to do at the site. As a result, the entire site has been working together to reduce costs."

Enloe said no GE employees were impacted to date,

but added, "We are very concerned about the overall shape of the economy and what this means for sales."

Over the past two years the number of GE employees and subcontract employees at Port Bienville has dropped by about 50 percent, bringing the total work force at Port Bienville to fewer than 250, Enloe said. He said that only five of the 60 laid off over the past two years were GE employees. GE Plastics has been at Port Bienville for more than 20 years.

Bay bridge lights going back up

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The flashing yellow lights are going back up on the bridge over the Bay of St. Louis.

State Rep. J.P. Compretta took time out from the legislative session in Jackson to call with the news.

Compretta and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors had asked the Mississippi Department of Transportation to reinstall the warning lights on the west side of the bridge to warn motorists there is a stop light at the end of the Bay-side of the bridge.

Compretta said MDOT Executive Director Larry L. "Butch" Brown said the new flashing lights should be back up by the first week of

March.

"I have worked closely with MDOT on this project, and am very pleased the agency has been able to move so quickly on this much-needed safety improvement," said Compretta.

He said the flashing lights were needed because foggy conditions in the area sometimes decrease the visibility of the existing traffic signal at the end of the bridge.

"I am confident this effort will save lives by giving motorists more warning of a potential stop condition ahead," said Compretta.

According to MDOT, the yellow flashing lights are designed to flash continually and thus will be effective during inclement weather

conditions and at night. The lights and sign will be mounted on the Bay St. Louis bridge rail approximately 1,000 feet from the west end of the bridge.

Babe Ruth ball league sign-ups

It isn't too late to register for the Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball league's 2002 season. Registration continues today, Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Baseball complex.

Girl Scout cookie orders going fast

Local Girl Scouts are selling cookies at various local merchants through March 3. To order, call 467-7506.

NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

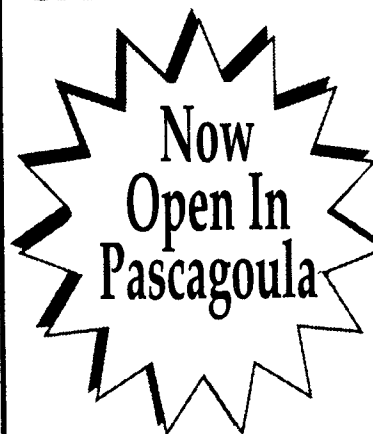
The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Southern Regional Wastewater Management District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of constructing 85,000 L. F. of PVC Forced Main sewer line from Pearlinton Mississippi to Waveland Mississippi. This will allow Southern Regional Wastewater Management District to treat sewage collected from the town of Pearlinton. An alternative to the proposed project would be to take, "No Action." Taking - "No Action" will allow continued pollution and health hazards associated with the presently used individual septic systems.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the Rural Development Office, 132 Mayfair Rd. Hattiesburg, Mississippi. For further information contact Robert W. Windham, Rural Development Specialist, at 601-261-3293. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project should submit comments to the address above by March 10, 2002.

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STAR Student



Hancock High School's 2001-2002 STAR Student Karolina Samowska (left) and STAR teacher Brian Fitch.

Hancock High announces STAR student and teacher

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Karolina Samowska, daughter of Krzysztof and Beata Samowska of Diamondhead, has been named as Hancock High School's Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Student for the 2001-2002 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council's M.B. Swayze Educational Foundation, sponsor of the STAR Program. STAR Students are selected on the basis of

academic excellence, American College Test scores, and scholastic averages.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Samowska designated Brian Fitch, Hancock High School science instructor, as the STAR Teacher. Fitch has been involved in education for

10 years with all years of service in the Hancock County School District. He is also a gifted musician.

All 500-plus STAR Students and STAR Teachers will receive recognition from the MEC's Swayze Foundation at the 35th annual Education Celebration on April 26 where the top 20 STAR Students and their STAR Teachers will be presented scholarship awards.

Robber -- no escape

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alerted area agencies. By the time Brown was forced off the road, he was being chased by officers from the Gulfport, Bay St. Louis and Waveland police departments, the Harrison and Hancock sheriff's departments, the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Public Service Commission.

"I never saw so many people after one person in all my life," Boatman said at the scene Friday, shortly after Brown was apprehended. "He jumped out and

just started running fast."

Officers chased the suspect into the woods where they caught him, and transported him to the Harrison County Adult Detention Center. As of press time Saturday, he was still being held there on \$250,000 bond.

"With the cooperation of Coast law enforcement," Waveland Police Chief James Varnell said at the scene Friday, "the bad guy's in jail and the money was recovered, and nobody got hurt."

Gulfport Deputy Police Chief Steve Barnes praised all the departments involved for their cooperation, and said the incident is still under investigation.

Payne said in a release that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is now assisting Gulfport P.D., and that law enforcement agencies in Louisiana "are investigating the possibility that Brown may have been involved in additional robberies in that state."

Suit -- county

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Court earlier this month by attorney Russell S. Gill on behalf of William A. Kolstad and Lori Williams, of Bay St. Louis.

The suit alleges on the evening of Sunday, Feb. 11, 2001, at about 10:52 p.m., the couple was in a truck going through the intersection of Hancock drive and W. Green Road.

"Robert B. McMillian failed to stop at the intersection because the stop sign was missing," the suit charges. The suit says McMillian's vehicle struck the right side cab of the truck bed, causing the vehicle to spin 360 degrees and come to a rest in the ditch. "Defendants (the county)

knew or should have known that the negligently-maintained intersection created an unreasonable risk of harm to travelers at said intersection," the suit

Fatality

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was taken to Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Hargrove said the Whites were in a pickup truck and pulled from the median to approach the eastbound lanes of I-10.

The White's pickup was hit by a Chevrolet Cavalier, causing the vehicle to hit the exit sign and flip upside down.

Rescue workers had to use the "jaws of life" to remove the Whites from the truck, Hargrove said.

Three others injured in the accident, who were not immediately identified, were taken to Garden Park Medical Center in Gulfport.

The Mississippi Highway Patrol is investigating the accident.

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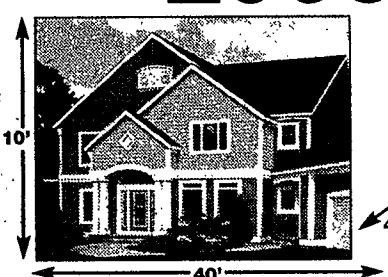
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BABY IS COMING

Our New Baby
SMH Parenting Center Staff
Date: Sunday, March 10
Time: 3:30-5:30 p.m./FREE
Place: 12th Street Annex, Room A

This class prepares children, ages 3 and up, for the arrival of their new sibling. Children will learn the importance of being a big brother or sister. They'll learn how they can help care for the baby, tour the SMH Labor and Delivery area and make a present for the coming sibling. Parents will learn ways to prepare their children for the exciting expansion of their family. Pre-registration is required. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to register.

Breastfeeding Clinic

SMH Lactation Consultants
Date: Wednesday, March 20
Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE
Place: Family Resource Suite

An informal discussion of the advantages of breastfeeding and how to get started includes how to prevent problems and what to expect in those first few weeks. Expectant parents, new moms, second-time moms, and grandparents are welcome to attend. To register, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Preparation for Birth and Parenting

SMH Labor and Delivery Staff
Date: Saturday, March 2
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m./FREE
Place: Family Resource Suite

Designed for expectant parents and support for those who are at least six months pregnant, this once a month class offers information on prenatal testing, danger signs, common complaints of late pregnancy, labor, delivery, fetal monitoring, cesarean and vaginal births, relaxation and breathing techniques, anesthesia choices, and hospital care. Early home care of the mother and infant, as well as, recognizing illness in the newborn will also be discussed. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to register.

Lamaze

Phyllis Novak, A.C.C.E.-R, M.Ed.
Place: SMH Fitness Center, 501 Robert Blvd.

Lamaze is a method of childbirth, which prepares expectant parents mentally and physically for pregnancy, labor, and the postpartum period. The two-three session classes include conditioning exercises, medication options, anesthesia, 10 breathing and relaxation techniques, 8 pushing techniques, tools for labor, bonding, and much more. Lamaze weekend getaways may also be available. The ultimate goal of Lamaze preparation is a safe, positive birth experience with or without the use of medication. Call (985) 639-8909 to register.

The Bradley Method of Childbirth

Suzanne Melhado
Certified Bradley Instructor
Place: SMH Parenting Center

Through its twelve goals, the Bradley Method of Childbirth prepares couples for the experience of childbirth. These goals include relaxation and breathing techniques, nutrition and the active participation of the coach. Classes begin in the 5th or 6th month and cover all aspects of pregnancy, labor and the postpartum period. For more information or to register, call Suzanne Melhado (985) 649-5468.

Prenatal Exercise

SMH Fitness Center

Prenatal Exercise is free to all pregnant women who have pre-registered at Slidell Memorial Hospital. This fitness program was designed and implemented with strict adherence to the guidelines published by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Individual attention and supervision are given by individuals with an in-depth knowledge of exercise and its effects. For more information and to register, call (985) 645-2955.

Breastfeeding Services

Slidell Memorial Hospital Breastfeeding Services is staffed by knowledgeable and experienced board certified lactation consultants, who can help you with common breastfeeding concerns or with difficult, challenging breastfeeding situations. The SMH Breastfeeding Rental and Sales Station offers Medela breast pumps for rent or purchase, nursing bras, and a wide range of breastfeeding supplies. Call (985) 649-8663 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to speak with a consultant or to schedule a consultation.

PARENTING

Tiny Tot Fun & Fitness
SMH Parenting Center Staff

Dates: Every Tuesday, March 12 - April 16

(Six-week series)

Times: 9:00-9:45 a.m./18 - 36 months

10:00-10:45 a.m./walking - 17 months

11:00-11:45 a.m./3 months - prewalking

Place: SMH Fitness Center, 501 Robert Blvd.

Fee: \$30.00

Parents and children can participate in age-specific exercises, use specially designed equipment to enhance coordination and stress the importance of physical play, while fostering self-esteem. Activities for walkers include obstacle courses, parachute fun, musical activities and equipment like on balance beams, slides, tunnels, rockers and much more. Come dressed for action. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Register early as class size is limited and classes fill quickly. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

"Stop By and Learn Why" Parent Support Group

Toddlers and Preschoolers

SMH Parenting Center Staff

Dates: Wednesday, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Times: 9:15-10:15 a.m./Walking to 17 months

10:15-11:15 a.m./18 months to 24 months

11:15-12:15 p.m./2 years old and up

Place: SMH Parenting Center, 1340 14th Street (side entrance)

(Parking available in patient/visitor areas along 14th Street)

Due to the popularity of this program, we are expanding this support time for parents by adding an additional age group. Come meet other parents, give your child an opportunity to make friends, and get great parenting tips/support from other parents and Parenting Center Staff. This program also includes informal discussions on current parenting issues, along with crafts, songs, holiday parties, and storytimes for children. Snacks and refreshments are provided. Call (985) 649-8600 for more information.

"Stop By and Learn Why" Parent Support Group

Infants and Crawlers

SMH Parenting Center Staff

Dates: February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Times: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Place: SMH Parenting Center, 1340 14th Street (side entrance)

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Love & Limits For The Strong-Willed Preschooler

Taffy S. Morris, SMH Parent Educator

Date: Thursday, March 5

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: SMH Parenting Center, 1340 14th Street (side entrance)

The preschool years are a time of constant change and challenge for preschoolers. The child's strong desire for independence and the lack of self-control can often be frustrating for parents. Come join us to learn discipline techniques for different

temperaments, development stages for children age 2-5 years, the 10 most common reasons for anger outburst and how to handle them, how to use time-out effectively plus many more techniques for effective discipline, and how to give effective commands to your little dynamo. Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to register.

Slidell Mother of Twins

Date: Wednesday, March 6

Time: 7:30 p.m./FREE

Place: SMH Parenting Center, 1340-14th Street (side entrance)

Mothers of multiples meet monthly to share experiences and learn more about the joys of raising children. Join the Slidell Mother of Twins Club on the first Wednesday of every month and have a night out with other moms who can encourage and support you. For more information, contact Dawn Dubson at 645-0533 or Alicia Quarles at 643-4196.

What To Do With A Child Like This

Ricky J. Marchetta, B.C.S.W. Child, Adolescent and Family Therapist
Date: Session I - Wednesday, March 13
Session II - Wednesday, April 10

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

This is the program parents of teens have all been asking for! This two-part series will address the difficult challenges of parenting teens, ages 12-17. During Session I, learn how to deal with your child's choices of friends, dating and sex; encourage your child's choices of dress; and drug and alcohol use. Session II will provide new insights for handling that hard-to-reach adolescent who may be rebellious, withdrawn or angry. Both evenings will focus on effective discipline strategies and ways to promote positive communications between you and your teen. To register, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 2200.

RSV: Fear Factor For Parents

Madhuri D. Dixit, M.D., Pediatrician

Date: Thursday, March 7

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

RSV is a serious respiratory virus that seems to prey on infants and young children. Come join Dr. Madhuri Dixit for an informal discussion of the causes, symptoms, and treatment of this possible life-threatening disease.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alzheimer's Support Group

Kay Schaefer, B.C.S.W. SMH Social Services

Date: Tuesday, March 12

Time: 11:00 a.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

Caregivers, friends and family members of Alzheimer's patients will receive information, help, support, and encouragement from a standard monthly group. To register for this group, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Divorce Support Group

Rebecca Revelle, B.C.S.W. Individual & Family Therapist

Date: Tuesday, March 12

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

This monthly adult group is designed to help families cope with all phases of separation and divorce. Practical advice and emotional support will be provided. To register, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Fibromyalgia Support Group

Angie Gravois, R.N.

Date: Tuesday, March 19

Time: 11:00 a.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

Fibromyalgia is a disorder that can cause pain in muscles, bones and joints. It may also cause poor sleep, headaches, and stiffness or muscle aches. The symptoms can get worse during times of stress or lack of sleep. Join this support group for information and support from others suffering from this disorder. Family and friends are welcome. Space is limited, so register in advance by calling (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

American Asthma Alliance

Ashtina Support Group

Date: Saturday, March 23

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m./Free

Place: 12th St. Annex, Room A, B, and C

Children with asthma, ages 6 to 15, along with their parents and siblings, are welcome to join this support group, which will meet monthly on the fourth Saturday at SMH. These sessions will include guest speakers, crafts and recreational activities, asthma education and refreshments. For more information, contact LeRoy or Brenda Morrow, R.N., (985) 751-3564.

Cancer Support Group

Date: Thursday, March 28

(Please see details under "Cancer Services")

Psoriasis Support Group

Date: Tuesday, March 26

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: SMH 12th St. Annex, Room A

(Across from the Emergency Department)

This is an informative support group for individuals living with psoriasis. Feel free to bring a friend or family member. No reservations are necessary. This group usually meets every other month, in even-numbered months. To check on date and time, or for more information, call Dayna Klein, (985) 643-7109.

Stroke Support Group

SMH Social Services

Date: Monday, March 18

Time: 6 p.m. / Free

Place: Rehab Dining Room

Members of the monthly Stroke Support Group will be provided with information and offered support. An open forum will allow the ability to express fears and share coping mechanisms. For information, please contact Debbie Jaure, G.S.W., SMH Stroke Support Group, (985) 649-8895.

Liver Support Group

Date: Tuesday, March 19

Time: 7:00 p.m. / Free

Place: SMH 12th Street Annex, Room A

This monthly group is designed to offer support to those in the community with a liver disease and their families. Support comes from those who have traveled the same road. For information, contact Charley Michel, (985) 863-0557.

NEW SUPPORT GROUP

Smoking Cessation Support Group

David Romero, B.C.S.W., SMH Behavioral Health Services

Date: Tuesday, March 5

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Place: SMH Fitness Center, 501 Robert Blvd.

2nd Floor Conference Room

This monthly support group is designed to offer support to those who have quit smoking. This is for everyone in the community, not just those who took the course "Freedom from Smoking." It's good for those who plan to take this course in the future. The group will meet on the first Tuesday of every month. To register, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

NICU Parent Support Group

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Family Resource Suite

The birth of a premature or ill infant can be at times both thrilling and overwhelming. Meet together as previous and current parents of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) babies join together to learn more about and to share life within the SMH

Intensive Care Nursery. For more information call (985) 643-2200, ext. 2562. To register for these free meetings call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Scleroderma Support Group

Date: Saturday, March 16

Time: 12:30 p.m.

This group meets regularly to lend support to those dealing with the physical and emotional effects of Scleroderma. For more information and location, call (985) 641-5886.

HEADLINE SECTION

Girl Talk: Adolescent Gynecology

Anni Lobello, M.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology

Date: Wednesday, March 6

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

Girls at the ages of 9-13 are encountering physical and emotional changes that affect their personal development. Join Dr. Lobello as she discusses the stages of development and the changes that occur during puberty. To register, call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909.

Boy Talk: Facts and Feelings About Growing Up

Mahmoud Daffary, M.D., Adult and Pediatric Urology

David Kidder, Ph.D., Counseling Psychologist

Date: Monday, March 11

Time: 7:00 p.m./FREE

Place: Family Resource Suite

Adolescence is a time of change, both physical and emotional. For boys and girls, Boys aged 10-16 begin to experience these changes. This program will feature puberty as well as a video presentation that introduces how the reproductive system works. This program is designed for boys and their parent(s). Call (985) 639-8909 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8909 to register. Dr. Mahmoud Daffary.

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Looking Ahead

55+ ALIVE MATURE DRIVING COURSE

Date: Thursday, April 4th and Friday, April 5th

Time: 8:00 a.m. till noon (both days)

Place: 12th St. Annex, Room A

(Across from the SMH Emergency Room)

Fee: \$10.00 payable to A.A.R.P.

This class has been designed to enhance safety awareness for those individuals who are 55+ years old. Many insurance companies give a generous discount on your auto insurance premium after completion of this course. Be sure to check with your agent to see if you qualify. Space is limited. Reserve your seat by calling the ProAge Office at 985-649-8695 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8695.

FREE HEARING TESTING

Date: Friday, March 22nd

Time: 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Place: 12th St. Annex and 2nd Floor Conference Room

SMH Senior Audiology and Hearing Services will be providing free hearing tests for the community who are 55 yr. old and older. For more information on this free hearing testing service, call (985) 649-8695 or 1-800-259-2200, ext. 8695. Don't miss this opportunity to receive the ProAge discount available on hearing aids.

FREE PSA TESTS FOR MEN OVER FORTY

Mahmoud Daffary, M.D.

Esteban Romo, M.D.

Place: SMH Founders Medical Building

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According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men over the age of 40. There is a high survival rate if detected early. Screening consists of a digital rectal examination and prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test for \$10. Screening is for men who have not been diagnosed with cancer of the prostate or have not received a prostate exam within the past 12 months. Appointments are required. Call (985) 649-8660 for scheduled dates of the screenings, and to make your appointment.

TEAM Med Injury Clinic for Junior High And High School Athletes / Free

Place: SMH Wellness Pavilion, 501 Robert Blvd., 1st floor

TEAM Med offers a free weekly clinic for high school and junior high school athletes to assess and treat sports-related injuries. If necessary, they will aid in making appropriate referrals for further medical care. For more information, or to make an appointment, call Chuck Haaga, (985) 847-1148.

KIDMED Screenings

Dates: Monday-Friday

Place: SMH Medical Office Building, 1051 Gause Blvd., Suite 360

KIDMED is a wellness program for children who have a current Louisiana Medicaid card. It features head-to-toe physical and dental (Denver) screenings and immunizations for children from infants through 18 years old. KIDMED screenings are available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, call (985) 649-8775 or toll-free 1-800-259-2200, extension 8775.

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SMH Outpatient Rehabilitation offers Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy Services. For more information, call (985) 847-9355. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. We also offer Saturday hours from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

HOSPICE PREACH

Picayune Hospice Dinner Club

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: SMH Dining Room

Date: Monday, March 18

Time: 1:00 p.m.

This social gathering is held at a different restaurant each month for anyone who has lost a spouse/significant other and wants to socialize with others. For more information, call (985) 847-0174 in Slidell or 1-800-259-2200, extension 8533, in Mississippi.

Slidell Hospice Dinner Club

Date: Monday, March 18

Time: 1:00 p.m.

This social gathering is held at a

Krewe of Venus celebrates Mardi Gras

The Krewe of Venus held its 12th annual ball Jan. 26 in the ballroom at the Palace Resort Casino in Biloxi.

Following the theme, "A Lovely Bouquet of Southern Beauties," the stage was set with a backdrop of large white trellises and two garden arches filled with sequined flowers and greenery.

A dark-green carpet unrolled before the backdrop was fronted by an 18 inch tall "fence" of white trellis festooned with flower blossoms, providing the ambience of a Southern garden of lush blooms for the royalty.

Venus XII, Queen Margaret McCook Justice and her husband Alton E. Justice have been residents of Ocean Springs for 15 years, following several moves around the country during their careers. They have five children.

Queen Margaret Justice was educated at Wesleyan College for Women and Georgia State University. She is retired as a government investigator and manager with the U.S. Department of Education.

A past president of the Gulf Coast Newcomers Club, she is a member and volunteer of the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce, past editor of the statewide Magazine of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs, and is an ambassador for the International Friendship Force, a cultural exchange organization begun by President Jimmy Carter.

For 18 years, she has been an ambassador through the Friendship Force, representing our nation, living in foreign

homes around the world and hosting hundreds of foreigners in her own home.

In 1992 she was awarded Ambassador of the Year by the Ocean Springs mayor when she brought two groups of CNN reporters from 13 countries, including the Middle East, Russia, Africa and China to Mississippi.

After the first group visited, Ted Turner personally requested she host the second group of reporters. Because of her tenacity, feistiness, allegiance to the Southern lifestyle and perseverance in numerous life problems, she is known by her friends and business associates as a Steel Magnolia.

Queen Margaret chose as her king Richard H. Sulken of Marietta, Ga. King Richard received his BS degree in civil engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology then attended Purdue University where he earned his master's in structural engineering.

He worked in the aircraft industry, helping design the C-5A transport plane and the F-14 fighter aircraft. For the past 30 years, he has been president and CEO of a construction company, building over 300 houses ranging up to 2.5 million in price.

He has varied interests, including flying single and multi-engine aircraft, racing sports cars on the Southern amateur circuit and sailboat racing on the East Coast.

King Richard retired this year and lives with his wife Grace, the queen's best friend, in Marietta, Ga. He enjoys visiting daughter Kathy and son Kent who live nearby.

Queen Margaret Justice wore a white silk gown with a dropped waistline and a sweetheart neckline. The long-sleeved bodice was covered with gold-beaded magnolias with rhinestone centers. The bell-shaped skirt was covered with iridescent white beads.

Her train was made of green lamé lined with white satin, edged with white ermine and with a large hand-made satin magnolia trimmed with iridescent white sequins. She wore a white gold rhinestone crown accompanied with drop rhinestone earrings.

King Richard was resplendent in white tails and top hat. The jacket lapels were encrusted with rhinestones and were trimmed with gold and rhinestone braid. Pearl and rhinestone buttons adorned both front and back of the jacket.

The queen and the king carried rhinestone scepters, gifts from their maids and dukes.

Venus XI, Queen Maureen Michaelson and King Edgar Michaelson of Bay St. Louis were introduced at the beginning of the tableau.

They took a last promenade around the floor for their loyal subjects before being seated on burgundy upholstered lounges.

Queen Maureen was presented with a bouquet of a dozen red roses by Krewe President Bettie Kendall, after which the royal couple viewed the tableau, remaining for the royal toast to Venus XII Queen Margaret and King Richard, then turning the floor over to the new royalty.



Earns wings

Lt. Henry L. Phillips, PhD, USNR, recently received his wings at a ceremony at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Fla. He received the Medical Service Corps Award for excellence in academics and flight training, suitability for his chosen profession, and best exemplifying the characteristics of a Naval officer. Lt. Phillips is stationed in Pensacola and will serve as an aerospace experimental psychologist. He and his wife, the former Amella Blackmon of Baton Rouge, are expecting their first child in July. Pictured are Lt. Phillips with his mother, Trudy Phillips of Folsom, La. and his grandmother, Gertrude Helwig of Waveland.

Pass Christian named Tree City USA

Pass Christian has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the 11th year Pass Christian has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA

Forest Service.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

"More than ever, today we understand the importance of trees to our cities and towns," said John Rosenow, president of The

National Arbor Day Foundation.

"Trees help clean our air and water, moderate heat and cold, and bring warmth and grace to our homes."

"Tree City USA recognizes communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program," Rosenow added.



Royalty

Venus XII, Queen Margaret McCook Justice of Ocean Springs and King Richard H. Sulken of Marietta, Ga. during the Krewe of Venus ball at the Palace Casino Resort Jan. 26.

Flower show and Spring Pilgrimage in Diamondhead set for March 9

Diamondhead Garden Club has been chosen to host the opening day festivities for the 55th annual Gulf Coast Pilgrimage on March 9.

In addition to the Diamondhead Garden Club's Standard Flower Show, held at the Community Center, there will be four seminars presented in the Fellowship Hall of the Diamondhead Community Church.

Topics are: 9:30 a.m., The Joy of Water Gardening, Mims Carter, Pass Christian; owner, Carter's Raintree Nursery

10:30 a.m., Dried Floral Arranging, William Brewer, Gulfport; designer/owner

Cardinal Flowers 11:30 a.m., A Passion for Floral Beauty, Cherry Lovelace, Beach Garden Society; award-winning floral designer

12:30 p.m., The Art of Decorating with Flowers (demonstration of hand-painting furniture), Betsy Burgess, Pass Christian; owner, Botanica Home & Garden Creations

"Make plans to take advantage of opportunities close to home. Start at the Community Center, view the homes and gardens on tour, see the Diamondhead Garden Club's Flower Show, and take advantage of the expertise of those presenting the seminars," a spokesperson said.

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ETHEL ANDRY
 Ethel Andry, 80, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Andry was a native of New Orleans and a full-time resident of Pass Christian for the past nine years. She was a volunteer for the American Heart Association, member of "Greatest Generation," serving her country from December 1942 to September 1945 working in the office of Censorship for

the U.S. War Service.

She was the wife for 49 years of the late William L. Andry Sr.; mother of Edith E. Andry, Janet Andry, William L. Andry, Jr. and Jeffrey J. Andry, Sr.; daughter of the late Edouard G. Ecuyer and Mary Jordan Ecuyer; sister of the late Emile H. Ecuyer and Edward P. Ecuyer; and six grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home Chapel in Metairie Cemetery followed by burial in All Saints Mausoleum.

The family prefers memorials to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 East Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560.

LUCILLE ARCEMENT
 Lucille "Mama" Arcement, 91, of Kiln, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Arcement was a native of Raceland, La. and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Arcement.

Survivors include a son, C. J. Arcement Jr. of Kiln; a daughter, Beverly Koschner of Tomball, Texas; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Services were conducted Saturday at the church followed by burial in Standard Sandhill Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of arrangements.

VANDEE LAMB
 Vandee Lamb, 86, of Picayune, died Feb. 17, 2002, in Staline, Ms.

Mrs. Lamb was a member of the Weems Chapel Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, president of the Senior Choir and served on the Committee of Spiritual Life.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sammy Lamb.

Survivors include a daughter, Sammie Lamb Monroe, of Seattle; two sons, Tommy Lamb of Seattle and Thomas Ray Lamb, of Kent Washington.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Weems Chapel United Methodist Church.

Burial will follow in the Picayune Cemetery. Baylous Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



EMILE P. LARROUX
 Emile Paschal Larroux, 91, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Larroux was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis and was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus and past commodore of Bay-Waveland Yacht Club. He was owner of Gulf Coast Equipment Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara Talbot Larroux; his parents, Jean Francois and Marguerite Gueydan Larroux; three brothers, James, Edwin and Mark Larroux; and a sister, Dorothy Larroux.

Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy "Dot" Larroux Kersanac of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Warren Larroux of Oxford, Miss.; six grandchildren, Johnny Kersanac of Waveland, Katrina Kersanac Lott of Mobile, Ala., Tim Kersanac of Destin, Fla., Mak Kersanac of Slidell, Melissa Kersanac Bocock of Kingwood, Texas and Sabrina Kersanac of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and interment in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to St. Joseph Chapel of Cedar Point, c/o OLG Catholic Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

THELMA ROONEY
 Thelma Rooney, 84, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Her body was sent from the Edmond Fahey Funeral

My Sister Shannon
Known as "Ne" to Me.
 by Melissa Adams

You were there when I came,
 into the world
 As Proud of me, as a mom
 would be.
 You fed me, you loved me
 and you cared for me.

You helped teach me to walk
 and helped teach me to talk
 You promised always to be
 there for me.

Even tho you left, and went
 on your own
 You were never far away
 from home.

You have always called
 home, to talk to me
 You even come visit, to play
 with me.
 But now I wonder "Where
 can you be"

I see your pictures, I cry for you
 It's hard for me, I'm only 2.

Mom picks me up and tries
 to explain
 Even tho "Ne" is gone, she's
 not in pain

She picks up an angel and
 shows it to me and says this
 is what "Ne", will always be

She's up there in heaven
 looking down on me
 "Ne" will always be, a
 guardian angel to me.

Home to Butlman Funeral Home in New Orleans for services and burial.

ROSSETTA SNYDER
 Rosietta Snyder, 95, of Picayune, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Slidell.

Visitation will be Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church at Picayune.

Baylous Funeral Home of Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

C. THOMASTON
 Carmen "Billie" Thomaston, 85, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Thomaston was a native of Bassfield, Miss. and was graduated from high school in Bassfield. She was a longtime resident of Gulfport and was employed for many years at the Log House Restaurant. She was a member of Bayou View Baptist Church in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy J. Thomaston; her parents, Otho and Mable Sullivan; and 11 siblings.

Survivors include sister-in-law Jeanne Thomaston and Fay Engolia and husband Sal, all of Gulfport; nephews Van Allen and Larry Joffrion, both of Gulfport, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport, followed by graveside services in Bassfield Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39507.

LORRAINE VISPI
 Lorraine Vispi, 84, of Granbury, Texas, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, in Granbury.

Mrs. Vispi was born Feb. 19, 1917 in Pineville. She attended school in Pineville and was a Catholic and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lindon Dewey and her second husband, Vito Vispi; her parents, Loren and Francis Lizana; and a son, William Dewey; a sister, Dorothy Daurio; and three grandchildren, Loren Dewey, Angela Dewey and Elizabeth Dewey.

Survivors include four sons, George Dewey of Granbury, James Dewey and Ronnie Dewey, both of Gulfport, and Bobby Dewey of Springtown; three brothers, James Lizana of DeLisle, Leroy Lizana and E. L. Lizana, both of Pass Christian; a sister, Edna Ladner of DeLisle; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Saturday in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church followed by burial in Old DeLisle Cemetery in Harrison County.

GROVER WYNN
 Grover Wynn, 84, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Wynn was a native of Williamston, N.C., and a resident of Pass Christian for the past 10 years. He was of the Presbyterian faith. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Velma Baldwin Wynn; son Donald Grover Wynn; parents Jesse and Lydia Mobley Wynn; brothers Norman, Haywood and Hubert Wynn; and sisters Lielia Knox, Carrie Coletrain and Delia Ausborne.

Survivors include daughters Shelia Darlene Zebedeo of Houston and Janis W. Quinn of Hancock County; brother Jesse Wynn Jr. of Washington, N.C.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services will be at a later date.

Great Books discussion group to meet at library

The next Great Books discussion group meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The group is currently studying the volume, *The Art of the Story*. The readings for this session will be *Behind the Blue Curtain* by Steven Millhauser and *Willing* by Lorrie Moore.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, members have read more than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke deTocqueville). Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions.

The group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins. Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call David Woodburn at 467-5282.

Butterflies and counting to highlight story hours

"Butterflies" will be the theme for the story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Butterfly Kiss, *Honeybee and the Robber* and *The Mightiest* will be the books read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making their own butterfly.

"Counting" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

Ten, Nine, Eight, Ten Sleep Sheep and *So Many Bunnies* are the books to be read during the program. Children will color a count-

ing color sheet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

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 precious than
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 Albert where
 memories never
 grow old.

We love you and
 miss you,
 Wife (Mary),
 Children,
 Grandchildren,
 Family & Friends

IN MEMORY OF MY DAUGHTER
SHANNON HARTER
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My beautiful daughter, 6 months have gone by but it seems like just yesterday. Your death has changed so many lives. You are sadly missed and deeply loved by all of your family and friends. It will never be the same without you in our lives. You will always be in our hearts and forever in our memories.

I love you my child
 With all of my heart
 I can't bear the pain,
 Since we are apart

I miss your smile,
 Your beautiful face
 Your eyes - so blue,
 So full of grace

I miss your laughter,
 Your spirit so free,
 Your were too young,
 How could this be

I think about you,
 Day and night
 I can't believe this,
 It's just not right

So full of life,
 You were so young
 How could he do this,
 Your life just begun

I want her home, Right
 here with me Oh my
 God! Why can't you see?

I cry for her,
 I reach for her
 I long to hold her close
 to me

I hear her voice,
 She comes to me,
 But only for a moment,
 In my dream

Our family was close,
 Just like a ring
 That has been broken.
 How could that be?

I tried to protect you,
 How could I know
 Your life would be ended,
 I did not know

You grew up too fast,
 You were only 18
 What you wanted from life,
 Was your own family

We searched for you,
 Both day and night
 I felt your pain,
 Deep down inside

2 days went by,
 Without a clue
 I held on hoping that,
 We would soon find you

As the planes flew over,
 The helicopter went by
 I stared in the woods,
 And began to cry

The dogs came in,
 As the search party grew
 They all cared deeply,
 Looking for you

Your family came in,
 To wait for you
 Hoping and praying,
 Just to hear from you

At 11:05p.m. on Aug 29, 2001 there were 4 knocks on the door. They had come to tell us they had found our daughter. We were unable to see her. She had been violently murdered by the hands of her estranged boyfriend.

The Sea Coast Echo

BUSINESS NEWS

Rummaging for Rotary

The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club needs your help. The club plans to host its first annual Rotary Rummage sale this summer, but wants to start collecting items for sale now.

Fifty percent of the proceeds of the sale will go to local charities and to the Father Johnson Hospital Foundation.

Items in need are working television sets, furniture, stereos, exercise equipment, boats and even cars. No clothes, please.

Receipts can be issued for items. If you have an item for donation, contact Rotary Rummage Sale Chairman Jo Baxter at (228) 466-5930 for the drop-off location.

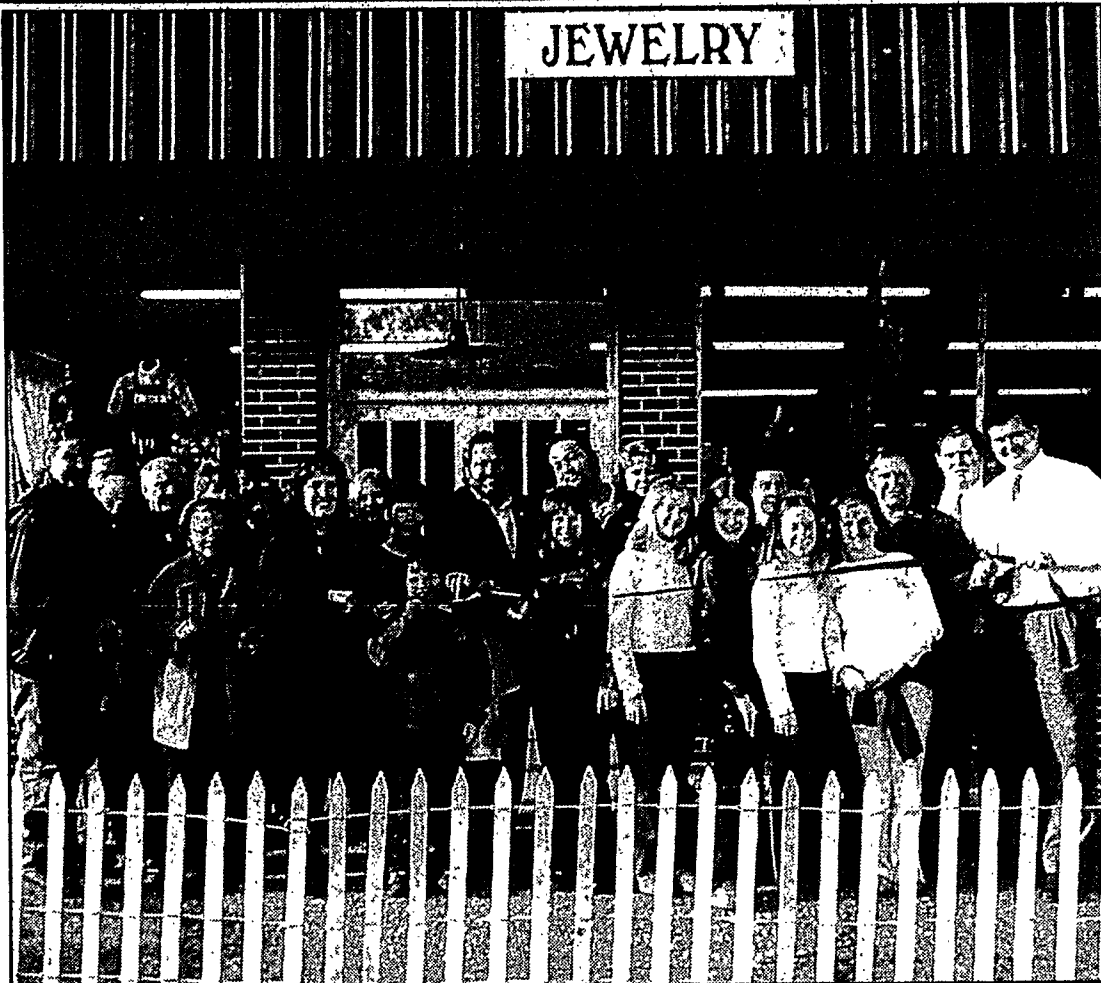
Ausmer named Caregiver of the Year

Twin Oaks at Pass Christian has selected Albertine Ausmer as Caregiver of the Year for 2001.

The announcement was made by Executive Director Pat McPeck and Activities Director Barbara Daniel.

Ausmer has been employed with Twin Oaks since January 2001 as a nursing assistant on the Alzheimer's Unit.

She was recognized for her "great rapport with co-workers and the extra special attention she gives to the residents." She is married, has five children and nine grandchildren.



Grand opening

The Kids Kiosk, 2080 Highway 90, Waveland, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. In attendance were Jody Compretta, Katy Pulzanno, Amy Corr, Cherle Smith, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, owner Angella Bourgeois, Paul Bourgeois, Celeste Richardson, Mignon May, Monet Bourgeois, Brea Black, Johnny Kersenac, Herb Dubulsson Jr. and others. The shop features children's clothing, gifts and furniture. The store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

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SPORTS

Bay High honors fall sports participants in ceremony

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay St. Louis High School coaches and administration honored the fall athletes in the sports of volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, and football on Wednesday in the Magee Auditorium. Parents, family, and friends turned out for the night where the members of each team were honored with certificates and trophies for their respective years of dedication to the sport.

Following the recognition of the members of the various teams and their years of service, special awards were handed out by the different coaches.

Liz Bosarge emphasized the fact that the girls' volleyball team tallied a winning record and will return everyone to the court next season. In the sport of volleyball, Megan Corr won the Coach's Award. Heather Ladner received the Most Improved Junior Varsity Award. Stephanie Reed claimed the High Scorer Award. Kendra Reed won the Most Improved Varsity Player Award and the Academic Athlete Award for Volleyball. Carmen Labat received a certificate noting her selection to the All-District team and also claimed the Outstanding Defensive Player Award.

The girls soccer team at Bay High claimed the division championship and advanced to the first round of the state playoffs. Sky Thomas, Katie Fillingame,

Samantha Billingsley, and Jessica Hearty were named to the All-District team and received certificates recognizing that accomplishment.

The Coach's Award was won by Samantha Billingsley. The Most Improved Award was merited by Nike Grieves. Katie Fillingame was presented the High Scorer Award. Sky Thomas was given the Outstanding Offensive Player Award. Samantha Polkey was honored with the Team Spirit Award. Margie Ticer won the Academic Athlete Award for girls soccer.

The boys soccer team had their best season in recent history with a 9-6-1 record and a 4-4 mark in the division. In boys soccer, Skip Ladner was presented the Most Improved Defensive Player Award while Brandon Slade was given the Most Improved Offensive Player Award. Brandon Strong merited the Most Outstanding Defensive Player Award and Michael Bourgeois claimed the Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award. Justin Oliver was named the Most Outstanding Overall Player Award winner and Chris Magee won the Academic Athlete Award for boys soccer.

Cheerleading at Bay High won All-Superior ratings at their camps during the summer prior to school. Kendall Schindler won the Leadership Award while Jenny Patterson claimed

the Most Dedicated Award. Felicity Ross won the Academic Athlete Award.

Football had their most successful season in many years in 2001. They tallied a mark of 7-5 overall and advanced to the first round of the state playoffs. Following the playoff loss, the 2001 Tigers were the first Bay High team to be named to play in the prestigious 62nd Annual Shrimp Bowl in Biloxi.

Charles Hawkins, Seth Weigel, Michael Simpkins, Kenny Smith, Adam Barrett, Tim Wright, Monroe Jordan, Brent Pitre, and Terrace Thomas were all honored for receiving All-District honors. All those Tiger players and Johnny Hozey were honored on the All-Sea Coast Echo Newspaper team. Adam Barrett was named the Sea Coast Echo Defensive Player of the Year.

Tim Wright claimed the Most Outstanding Special Teams Player Award. Charles Hawkins was named the Coach's Leadership Award winner. Kenny Smith was picked as the Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award winner.

Monroe Jordan was presented the Most Outstanding Offensive Back Award. Brent Pitre was given the Most Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award. Adam Barrett was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Back Award winner. Chris Magee won the Academic Athlete Award.

Doty named to All-American Team

Saint Stanislaus junior Peter Doty was selected to the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) national High School All-American Team, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

These High School Soccer All-Americans represent 38 different states and 134 different high schools in the United States.

The players are nominated by high school soccer coaches throughout the country.

Once nominated, these players must meet the National Soccer Committee's standards of performance and achievement both on and off the playing field during a single season.

The All-American Teams honor these respective players as those who have performed and excelled at their respective positions in an outstanding manner while representing their respective high schools.

Doty, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. Kimble Doty, Jr., of Pass Christian, is a member of the St. Stanislaus soccer team and the New Orleans Soccer Academy Team.



Peter Doty

Salomon Kidane, national director of coaching for the USSSA, said, "These players have a strong commitment to the game of soccer as well as their personal

fitness and set a sportsmanlike example for others to follow. They distinguish themselves as a player for their respective high schools."

PRCC cheerleaders tryouts set March 23

Pearl River Community College 2002-03 cheerleader tryouts will be at noon Saturday, March 23, in M.R. White Coliseum on the PRCC campus.

A mandatory tryout clinic will be held in the coliseum from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 22.

Minimum requirements: Women - backhand spring, with partner toss to hands extension, cheer technique. Men: back tuck (w/light spot if needed), with partner

toss to hands extension, cheer technique.

The cheerleader scholarship is the value of regular tuition plus \$50 per semester.

Applications are available in the Office of Guidance, Recruitment and

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SPORTS

Athletes abound on hardwood for the Pass Pirates in '02

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

This is the third part in a five-part series that featured the basketball teams of SSC, OLA, Bay High, Hancock, and Pass Christian.

Like the Hancock Hawks, the Pass Christian Pirates stepped up in classification at the beginning of the 2001-02 school year. And, like the Hawks, the Pirates seemed to not have skipped a beat in their prowess on the field of competition.

The success on the gridiron has carried over onto the hardwood. The Pirates finished the season with a 24-7 record. The number one seeded Pirates were ousted from the Division 8 Class 4A tournament in Gautier on Thursday, February 14, by the Vancleave Bulldogs 65-52.

Kalvin Woods, Richard Dedeaux, Rueben Nichols, Garland Stewart, and Chad Musgrove have been the consistent starting lineup for Buddy Kennedy's Pirates.

Woods is being the complete player averaging 17.8 points, 5 assists, and 4.7 steals per game for the Pirates. Nichols, Stewart, and Musgrove round out the team's leading scorers with 11.1, 10.4, and 10.2 points per game.

While Dedeaux doesn't appear high in the box score, Kennedy calls him the glue that holds the team together. Kennedy stated, "Richard Dedeaux is a tremendous leader. He leads by his example on the court but is also a vocal leader."

The Pirates go 9 to 10 players deep on the bench each game. This asset gave the Pirates an advantage over many of their opponents who aren't that fortunate. The Pirates swept traditional 4A power St. Stanislaus this season to claim the #1 seed in the division tournament. The second game with SSC is one that Kennedy calls "a huge win." The second game between the Rocks and the Pirates determined first place in the division. The Pirates responded in athletic fashion and claimed the win.

Another key win during their stellar 2001-02 run was the win over long-time 5A power Harrison Central in Hoops Fest 2002. The Pirates didn't back down from the Red Rebels and

their 6-10 Prep All-American center Byron Sanders. Instead, the Pirates went on and proved why they have some of the best athletes on the court in Mississippi.

Kennedy summed up, "This team has as strong a will to compete and win as any I have ever been around. They put their all on the court each night. The team always comes ready to play. Even though we moved up in classification, we feel that we can compete with anyone on the Coast."

The Pirates have proven themselves worthy of playing anyone, anywhere. Following the Harrison Central win, the Pirates traveled to "The Bert" to tangle with the Admirals. The Pirates lost by two points to undefeated and top-ranked Gulfport in the waning seconds of the game.

While several Pirates will move on with graduation in the spring, Kennedy feels that his younger players will be able to step in and perform. The Pirates are no longer unknown and their secret is out. In a simple word - athlete! Congratulations, Pirates!

The Lady Pirates ended their 2001-02 season with a devastating loss to the Lady Hornets of East Central on Tuesday, February 12, in the division tournament. The loss dropped the Lady Pirates to 11-17 on the season. Lady Pirate head coach David McKay commented, "The year proved to be somewhat disappointing. But, we have some younger players coming up from a very fine ninth grade team that will contribute to our program. We lose two seniors in Ashley Dedeaux and Vionka Frederick. These seniors will be missed for their contributions to our program."

The Lady Pirates will not only get the benefit of the younger players moving up, but their three leading scorers are returning, as well.

Kenyetta Woods, Deana Ladner, and Charlela Meloncon all will return to shoot the rock for Pass Christian in 2003.

While Pass Christian did not finish the way they would have liked to, the Lady Pirates will return more firepower in 2003. With all the positives, the Lady Pirates can't help but be excited about next season.

Little League registration

The Waveland Little League will have registration Saturdays, 9-1 p.m. at McDonald Restaurant, Hwy. 90 in Waveland.

Registration fee will be \$35 for the first child, \$25 for the second and \$15 for each additional child.

Necessary is proof of address and original birth certificate. The age groups will be 5 through 14. A player must be age 5 before Aug.

1, 2002, and a player cannot reach the age of 15 before Aug. 1, 2002. Any child in the Hancock area is eligible to play. Anyone interested in umpiring, being a manager or coach, or being involved with concession stand, field preparation, fund raising, etc. or needing information, contact Leo at 806-0988, Marian at 806-0987 (anytime) or Linda at 467-4098 after 5:30 p.m.

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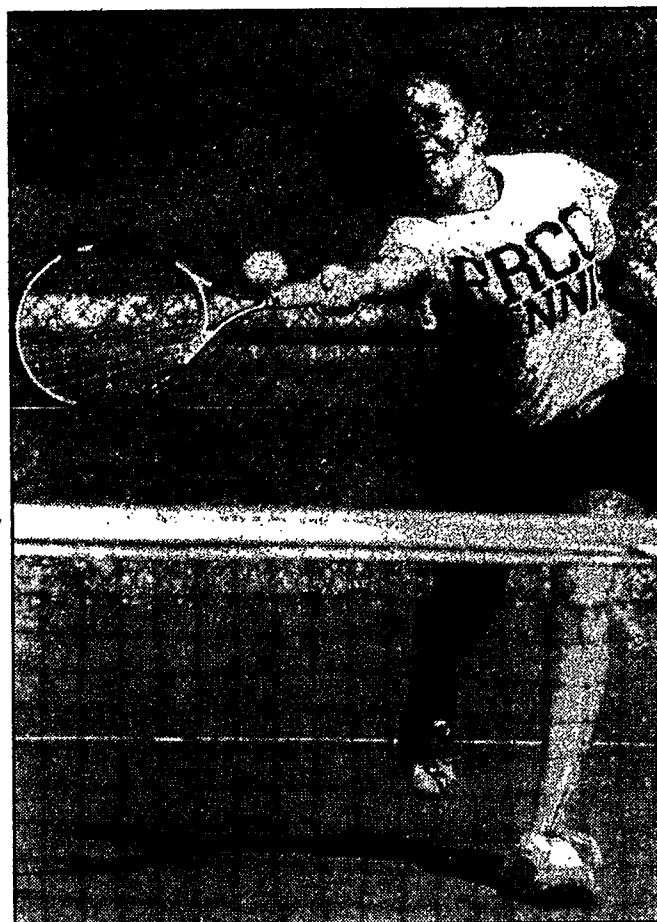
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PRCC Tennis



Pearl River Community College sophomore Ashley Ponder of Waveland evened her record at 1-1 with a win Thursday over Ashley Patterson of Hinds Junior College, 6-0, 6-3 at Raymond in women's singles tennis action. PRCC's Patrick Cannon of Hancock County also won his men's singles by default. Camille Soulier is in her fifth season as both the men's and women's tennis coach at PRCC.

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SPORTS

Loiacano in Hall of Fame



Photo by Jimmy Loiacano
J.E. Loiacano, owner of Loiacano's Health Club in Bay St. Louis, was inducted into the All-American Football Foundation Hall of Fame last week in a ceremony in Biloxi for his outstanding career as a football player at Mississippi State University. Loiacano, left, is seen here with Johnny Majors, who was his coach at MSU. Majors later went on to work as head coach at the University of Tennessee and, later, the University of Pittsburgh, where he still works as an administrator.

Tigers on tear at the diamond

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Bay High baseball team is off to a fast start this spring with a record of 2-1. The Tigers have beaten Pass Christian and Hancock. The only loss is to Ocean Springs.

Bay blasted the Pirates 17-1 on February 16. B.J. Corr led the Tigers at the plate with a homerun and 3 RBIs. Jacob Higdon and Skip Ladner each had two hits in the game. Adam Barrett and Ladner added 3 RBIs and 2 RBIs, respectively in the game. Brandon Strong was the winning pitcher.

The Tigers also knocked off the Hancock Hawks 12-2 on Tuesday, February 19. Brandon Strong had 3 RBIs and scored three times in

the game. Adam Barrett, Guy Alleman, and Brandon Slade all had multiple hits in the game for Bay High. Barrett and Slade each tallied 2 RBIs in the contest. Aaron Morris was the winning pitcher.

The only loss this season for Bay High has been an 8-2 decision to Ocean Springs where the Tigers committed five errors.

The Hancock Hawks defeated the Ocean Springs Greyhounds 10-9 in the finals of the Bay High Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 16.

James Moran knocked in 3 RBIs and was the winning pitcher in the finals. He was named the tournament MVP.

Zack Zulli added two hits, scored three runs, and

stole three bases to lead the Hawks on the basepaths.

In recent hockey action, the Sea Wolves have gone on a tear to move up to the third place in the Southwest Division standings as the final stretch draws near.

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Sea Wolves handed the Jackson Bandits a 6-4 loss. Dave Paradise tallied a hat trick on the ice and Steffon Walby scored five points in the game.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Sea Wolves pulled some magic out on the Mobile Mystiks for the 2-1 win. Walby scored his ECHL's league leading 32nd goal of the season.

The shot was the game-winner for the Sea Wolves as they improved to 30-21-3 on the season.

Expo to present 'Great American Wild Turkey Display' March 1-3

The third annual Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo will be held on March 1-3 at the Washington County Convention Center in Greenville.

The Expo, hosted by Wildlife Mississippi, is the largest of its kind in the state.

For the past several years, record book whitetail deer displays have lured thousands of hunters and their families to the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo. This year the wild turkey becomes the focus of the Expo.

At the Expo will be the "Great American Wild Turkey Display," the world's only display of wild turkeys. With the push of a button, one can listen to the calls made by each species. This

is the first time this display has been shown in Mississippi and only the second time it has been displayed in the South.

"It is something I've wanted to do for a long time and its never been done before," said Joe Hall, the creator of the display.

"Most people only see the turkeys they've shot or in pictures. But with this display, they are able to compare the Eastern, Osceola, Rio Grande, Merriam's, Gould's and the Ocellated, side by side, and see how different they really are."

Each diorama is composed of a strutting tom accompanied by its mate.

A large background photograph and plants depict the terrain indicative of each bird's habitat complete the exhibit. A range map

and information on each subspecies add to the exhibit.

If you don't have the opportunity to see it the week before the Expo at the 26th Annual National Wild Turkey Convention and Sport Show in Charlotte, North Carolina, you can see it in Greenville on March 1-3.

Show hours are: March 1, Friday, 3 pm - 9 pm; March 2, Saturday, 10 am - 8 pm; March 3, Sunday, 12 pm - 5 pm. Admission is: under 6 - free; 6 to 12 - \$4; adults - \$6. Anyone bringing a canned food to the Expo for Wildlife Mississippi's "Hunt Against Hunger" program can receive \$1 off the admission price (limit one per attendee). All canned goods will be donated to needy families.

Former SSC mentor Kenson named new coach at PJP

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Former St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws head football coach Dave Kenson has been named the new head football coach at Pope John Paul II High School in Slidell. Pope John Paul II is a Class 2A school.

Kenson stated, "This is a really great opportunity for me. I will be taking over a program that will have several key players returning. The coach that was there was a strong fundamentals coach. They had a good football team last season and just barely missed the playoffs. I have met with the team and they seem to be very hungry and aggressive players. All around it is just a very good opportunity."

Kenson stated that many of the football players are currently on the PJP powerlifting team which will compete in the state championship meet on Saturday,

February 23. Sources say that PJP has a very good chance at winning their classification in the state meet. Kenson said he will try to run the same offensive scheme that he ran at SSC which was a wide-open aerial attack. The Jaguars will return their quarterback, Joe Dunbar (5-11, 175), next season. Kenson commented, "He has nice size and is athletic. While they did not throw the ball too much last season, he has the tools to develop into a fine passing quarterback."

"We will also throw in some option packages like we did at SSC with former record-setting quarterback Jason Santiago and running back Kris Cannon."

The school will play the schedule that is in place which will include seven home games and possibly an eighth one. In the spring, Kenson will also coach the golf team. His teaching duties will be

physical education classes.

Kenson spent the past five seasons at SSC where he led the Rocks to a three consecutive winning seasons and a trip to the state playoffs in 1998. He compiled a 24-31 record while at SSC. During his tenure at SSC, Kenson coached some SSC's finest gridiron players in Kris Cannon, Stephen Peterman, Jason Santiago, Cameron Byrne, Roger Ridgeway, Dmitri Sofianos, Grady and Gabe Willis, Hunter Dawkins, and Neil Favre.

Kenson's coaching career spans 24 years. He first coached as an assistant at the University of Cincinnati, where he played his collegiate ball. He has coached at North College Hill High School in Cincinnati, The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fletcher High School in Neptune Beach, Florida, and Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville.

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For more information, call the numbers listed above or Pennie Brogle at 467-3192 and Leslie Besancon at 467-2348.

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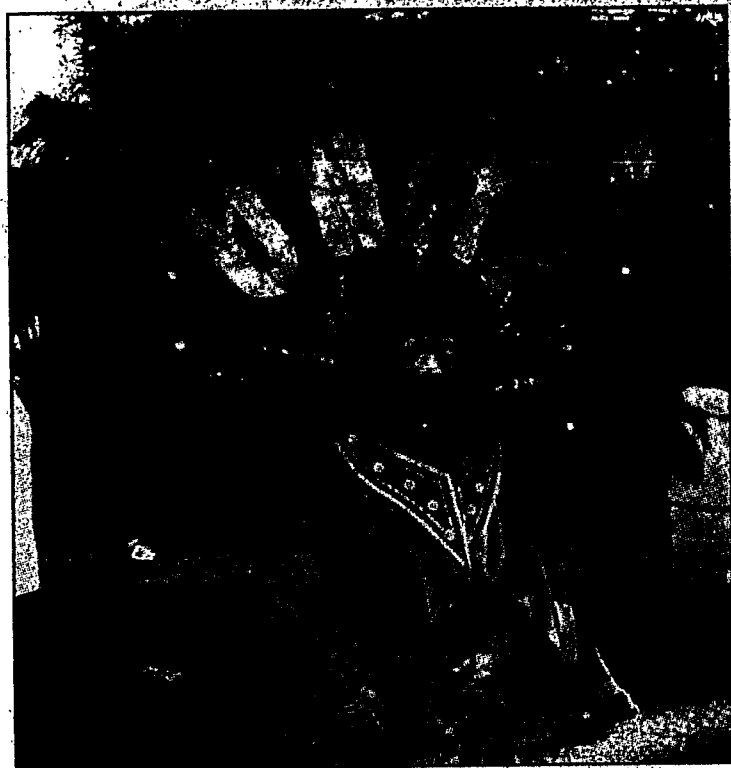
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Scenes from the recent Krewe of Real People's 21st Mardi Gras Coronation Ball at the Hancock County Civic Center.



Krewe of Real People Captain Sandra Price.



Krewe of Real People King John Whitfield and Queen Janell Payne.

The theme for the ball was "Soul Olympics — Achievers Paving the Way"
Photos by Jimmy Loiacano



Royal contestants Arnold Fairconnetue and Tequilla Hall.



Maid Amber Bradley, escorted by Reynold Dedeaux. Tribute to football legend Walter Peyton.



Maid Raven Wallace, escorted by Adrian Barlow. Tribute to track & field legend Wilma Rudolph.



Maid Tracey Hall, escorted by Zeke Hall. Tribute to tennis legend Arthur Ashe.



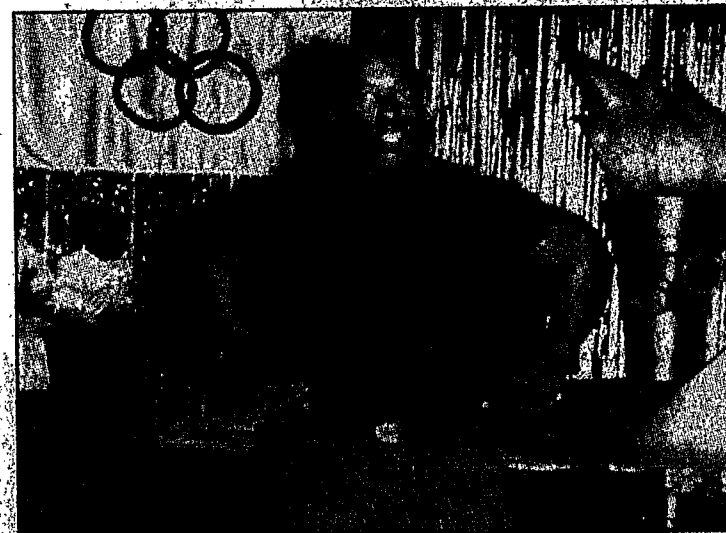
Maid Kimberly Martin, escorted by Paul Saucier Jr. Tribute to boxing legend Muhammad Ali.



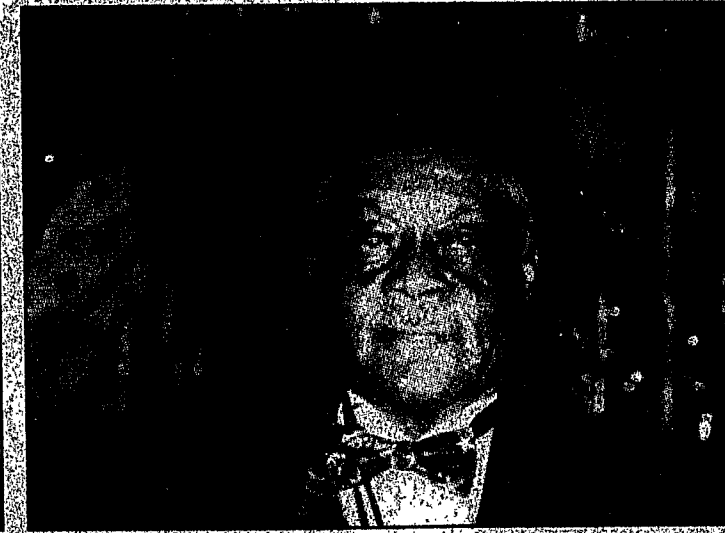
Maid April Gibson, escorted by Derrick Saucier. Tribute to basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain.



Maid Lachina Tillman, escorted by Jetson J.T. Tillman. Tribute to baseball legend Hank Aaron.



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Weddings & Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breazeale

Breazeale-Kerbl

Heidi Suzette Kerbl of Mobile, Ala., and Robert Warren Breazeale, also of Mobile, were united in marriage Dec. 1, 2001 in an afternoon ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

The Rev. Michael Tracey and the Rev. Johnny McDaniel of Heflin, Ala., brother-in-law of the groom, officiated. Providing musical selections were organist Alana Rutledge and trumpeter Ron Crosby.

The bride is the daughter of Frank and Juanita Kerbl of Waveland.

The groom's parents are Bob and Nita Breazeale of Trussville, Ala.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Marianne Bennett of San Ignacio de Acosta, Costa Rica, cousin of the bride, and patron of honors was Anita Breazeale McDaniel of Heflin, Ala., sister of the groom.

Bridesmaids included Bernice Sy Flowers of Charleston, S.C., Elizabeth C. Dillenkoffer of Starkville and Candice S. Pinkerton of Mobile, Ala., all friends of the bride; and Kirsten K. Brightman of D'Iberville, niece of the bride.

Program attendants were A. Luke Walser and Jack Walser of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and readers included Laura B. Brown of Mobile, Lisa B. Bailey of Frisco City, Ala., Staff Sgt. Robert Brightman of Havelock, N.C. and Rudolf Weis of Munich, Germany.

Flower girl was Brennan Howard of Mobile, and ring bearer was William Dillenkoffer of Starkville.

Best man was Robert K. Breazeale, Jr. of Trussville, Ala., father of the groom.

Groomsmen included Frank M. Kerbl of Waveland, brother of the bride; Philip Busby of Birmingham, Ala., Jason Crain of Atlanta, Brian Burnett of Birmingham, Terry Wiley of Mobile and Paul McDaniel of Sylacauga, Ala.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Pidgeon Golf Resort in Bay St. Louis.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted at the Diamondhead Country Club.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, the couple will reside in Mobile.

Vincent-Dickens

Itaska and Buddy White of Bay St. Louis announce the marriage of their daughter, Dianne Bryant Dickens, to Billy Vincent of Vincent's Dump Truck Service.

The bride is also the

daughter of the late Judge Denville Bryant.

The groom is the son of Lottie and Paul Reiley of Bay St. Louis.

The wedding took place Feb. 14.



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Vincent



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Royal maid

Kristy Nicole Lepine was a royal maid in the 53rd annual ball of the Okeanos Carnival Club Jan. 18 at the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans. She is the daughter of Ray and Kim Lepine Jr. of Covington, granddaughter of Ray and Joan Lepine Sr. and great-granddaughter of Leona Perret of Bay St. Louis. She is a senior and a member of the dance team at Mandeville High School and will be attending LSU in the fall.

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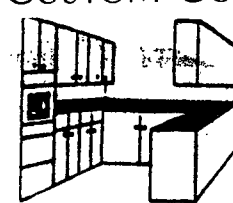
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Ladner-Necaise

Wendell Ladner of Hancock County and Berniece Slade of Lamar County announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shawn Ladner, to Mark Necaise, son of Cheryl Cuevas Smith of Hancock County and the late David Necaise.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Hancock High School and attended Pearl River Community College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

She is employed with Hoda Chiropractic Clinic.

The prospective groom attended Hancock North Central and is self-employed.

The wedding will take place Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

A reception will follow the ceremony at DuPont.

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To learn the details, log onto <http://www.100TopHospitals.com>. Look for "Solucient 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success" hospitals and a summary of the report.

Births

CHANDLER WAYNE GARCIA

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Wendel Garcia announce the birth of their second child, Chandler Wayne, Dec. 26, 2001 at 8:05 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Garcia is the former Courtney L. Oliver.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Patricia Oliver of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Al Garcia and Debbie Strong.

Great-grandparents include Violet Dedeaux and the late Roy Dedeaux, Tuleter Oliver and the late Uyless Oliver, Inez Garcia and the late Fritz Garcia, and Charles and Pat Strong.

Chandler is welcomed by brother Caleb.

MIRANDA LENAI ELLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ellington II of Kiln announce the birth of their third child, Miranda Lenai, Jan. 3, 2002 at 7:09 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. Ellington is the former Tammy Jarrell.

Maternal grandparents are Susan and Shane Callais of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Michael Ellington and Jody Yeager of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Betty Hicks of Chalmette and Emile Henley of Bay St. Louis.

Miranda is welcomed by brother Michael (Tre) III and sister Alissa.

TYLER ALLEN GREEN

Melissa Ann Green and Allen Douglas Graham of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Nov. 27, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Carol Spychalski of

Gulfport and Michael Green of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Guidroz of Bay St. Louis and David Duhon of Waveland.

JAMES DONALD BALDREE III

James and Heidi Baldree of Pearlinton announce the birth of a son, Dec. 19, 2001 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph Specker III and Helen Specker of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are James Baldree and Patricia Baldree of Pearlinton.

MICHAELA ANN BENNETT

Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Bennett of Kiln announce the birth of a daughter, Micaela Ann, Jan. 23, 2002 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Bennett is the former Sonya Comfort.

Maternal grandparents are Frank and Pearlina Comfort of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Harlon and Opal Bennett of Kiln.

NICHELLE JASMINE VASQUEZ

Nicholas Vasquez and Tara Keller of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Nichelle Jasmine, Jan. 22, 2002 at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paula and Eugene Garcia of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Estella and Robert Beech of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Ray and Joyce Keller and Ruth and Kenneth Louque.

REECE ELIZABETH AND RYLEE ELIZABETH LUSICH

Brent and Nicole Lusich

of Slidell announce the birth of twins, Reece Elizabeth and Rylee Elizabeth, Dec. 3, 2001 at 7:45 and 7:46 a.m. respectively, at Slidell Memorial Hospital.

Reece weighed 4 pounds, 8 ounces, and Rylee 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Lusich is the former Nicole Weber.

Maternal grandparents are Mary and Gary Weber of Slidell.

Paternal grandparents are Oren and Gay Lusich of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Rita Wellmeyer of Chalmette and the late Henry Wellmeyer, William and Mae Weber of Slidell, Bertha Lusich of Lakeshore and the late George Lusich and the late Nelius and Mat Rhodes.

CHASE DAVID NECAISE

Mr. and Mrs. David Necaie of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Chase David, Jan. 22, 2002 at 12:55 p.m. at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Necaie is the former Tracey A. Davis.

Maternal grandparents are Roger D. Davis and Barbara A. Davis of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Victor S. Necaie and Betty L. Necaie of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include the late Owen and Leola Heitzmann, Bay St. Louis; the late Floyd and Lillian Davis, Baraboo, Wis.; the late Charlie and Norma Biven, Bay St. Louis; and the late Victor Necaie and Mary Fricke, Bay St. Louis.

Chase is welcomed by his brother Colton.

MADISON ANN ALLIGOOD

Mr. and Mrs. William Alligood of Kiln announce the birth of their first child, Madison Ann, Feb. 10, 2002 at 2:13 a.m. at Hancock

Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Alligood is the former Jennifer Peterson.

Maternal grandparents are Eddie and Debbie Peterson of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Ida Yvonne Yoe and Harry William Alligood of Bay St. Louis.

ELISE CHEYENNE DUFOUR

John and Wendy Dufour of Waveland, announce the birth of their first child, Elise Cheyenne, Dec. 27, 2001 at 8:35 a.m. at Garden Park Hospital.

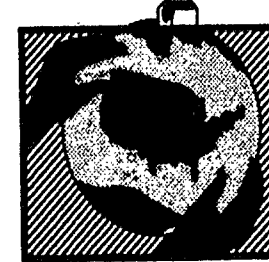
She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mrs. Dufour is the former Wendy Hootman.

Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Jamie Hootman of Ashland, Ohio.

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First Grade

Front row from left, Frederick Green, Tangi Chifci, Brooke Luc, Joshua Holland, Callie Harris, Cody W. Shlyou, Morgan Thomas, Summer Robb, Alysha Bradford and Shawna Wesner; second row, Michelle Saucier, Ashley Corr, Kimberly Huynh, Farrin Folk, Cody J. Shlyou, James Thompson, Dustin McMaster, Derek Evans and Michael Clafin; third row, Lauren Favre, Brittney Breaux, James Gaude, Ashleigh Moran, Kayla Garcia, Cory Edmonson and Ravin Huber.



Second Grade

Front row from left, Kelsey Ming, Ruth Beach, Patrick Tran, Summer Winkles, Celeste Courteaux and Keelle Gaines; second row, Dylan Jaye, Natasha Hall, Brady Smith, Jake Crawford, Trevor Pagano and Paige Morel; third row, Bethany Cuevas, Jasmine Smith, Taylor Ladner, Alicia Havard and Abigail Jacobson.



Third Grade

Front row from left, Kylie Cuevas, Destiney LaFontaine, Sherri Althart, Nathan Williams, Amanda Dickinson, Kimberley Penton and Brooke Loftin; second row, Anthony Duplessis, Dustin Wright, Hillary Rowe, Patricia Warden, Anthony Berthelot and Ashley Smith; third row, Joshua Guldry, April McSweeney, Andrew Johnson, Nickolas Greene and Jessica Garcia.



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Front row from left, Jarrod Lee, Keith Moran, Kayla Arnold, India Bush, Courtney Hudson and Meghan Seay; second row, Ryan Ruhr, Shelby Vittur, Sarah Torgeson, Katelin Fountain, Cynthia Fousanon and Shelby Osbourn; third row, Dillon Trahan, Zachary Edmonson, Jessica Packer and Chris Bermond. Not pictured is Derinda Green.



Fifth Grade

Front row from left, Brant Whitfield, Loan Tran, Zachary Baudean, Ashley Toomey and Ashley Bryan; second row, Joli Fricke, Jessica Mack, Bobbie Harvey, Robbie Harvey and Tanner Smith; third row, Kenny Le, Brittany Tamborella, Cody Carver, Thomas Kapp, Stanley Tankersley and Samantha Favre. Not pictured is Halley Cain.

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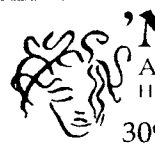
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BELOVED SON ISAAC, IS WELL RECORDED—AS IS THAT
OF HAGAR, WHO BORE ABRAHAM'S FIRST SON, ISHMAEL,
BUT LITTLE IS SAID OF THE WIFE THAT ABRAHAM TOOK
AFTER SARAH'S DEATH, KETURAH. THIS FINE WOMAN GAVE
ABRAHAM NOT ONE—NOT TWO—NOT FOUR—BUT SIX SONS!FOUR TERSE VERSES (GENESIS 25:1-4) GIVE
SHORT SHRIFT TO KETURAH AND HER SONS:ZIMRAM, JOKSHAN, MEDAN,
MIDIAN (FOUNDER OF THE MIDIANITE NATION)
ISHBAK, AND SHUAH.BUT ABRAHAM, FATHER OF EIGHT SONS, LOVED BEST
THE ONE OF WHOM GOD SAID, "I WILL MAKE OF HIM
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"Yes, I know. I was waiting until the lady got out of the way," I assured the young lady at the checkout counter.

No sooner were the words out of my mouth than I realized how negative they sounded. It seemed I was slyly expressing annoyance that the lady was taking too long to move away from the checkout counter at Whole Foods.

With a little effort, I could have said: "Yes, I know. I was just giving the lady breathing room to finish arranging her purse and grocery bag." Or I could have worded that answer in several different positive, genteel ways.

After stubbing my toe again in one of the simplest of human encounters, it became painfully obvious for the umpteenth time that, unless we are constantly on our guard, a lazy, careless mode of thinking will generate a lazy, careless mode of speaking which reeks of negative feelings.

I was too embarrassed to look toward the lady with whom I had had a few words of pleasantries. Upon later thought, I should have indeed turned back toward her and subtly corrected what seemed to be a negative remark by saying something positive about our purchasing health foods together.

The single most difficult thing we attempt to do, communication, and especially positive communication, is usually very faulty because we are so lackadaisical and slipshod about formulating our thoughts and words.

If this sounds familiar, I have said it numerous times and will continue to say it.

We often hear that the price of peace is eternal vigilance. Well, that slogan could easily be reformulated to read: "The price of peace, of communication and of anything extremely difficult to come by is eternal vigilance, constant awareness and painstaking effort to think ahead, to speak and act alertly."

Instead of being the ally it can and should be, familiarity is frequently the bane of awareness, alertness, clear thinking and careful speaking. "Familiarity breeds contempt," unfortunately, is more often true than not.

Taking each other for granted is the usual result of unguarded familiarity.

As we all know, the highest degree of familiarity exists in our families where spouses, parents and children, siblings and other relatives experience the raw truth of "It's a thin line between love and hate." The very intensity of intimate involvement magnifies all our flaws in life and communication.

The upshot of this hypersensitivity is a hair-trigger,

sometimes knee-jerk reaction of spouses, for instance, to each other, making it dangerously easy to mis-speak or to be misunderstood because of an ill-chosen word, an errant tone of voice, a scowl, a plastic smile, troubled eyes or other body language.

People such as spouses become so accustomed to one another's creature habits, especially speaking, that they get to be adept at completing each other's sentences long before the thought is expressed. That can be very humorous and beneficial, but it can also be very bad.

Again, this is a laziness mode where we figure we have scaled the top of the communication ladder so well that we have it made, that we can operate at all times on cruise control. Alack, there is no cruise control feasible in communication. Only full alert and full throttle give us good results.

A laziness mode, such as facility in divining the next words before they exit, will produce lazy, sloppy words and lazy, sloppy images and ideas. It serves only to encourage other lazy, sloppy habits of communicating. At its easiest, communication remains the thorniest task we perform as humans.

Is it any wonder that some of the prime complaints of spouses involve communication? "We don't talk anymore." "We don't like talking, doing things together." "We don't enjoy being together." "She/he is always right and shows little respect for what I have to say and how I say it."

Ideally, people preparing for marriage should take part in an extended seminar on the nuts and bolts of meaningful, fulfilling communication.

Even more ideally, beginning in their earliest years as children, everyone should be educated and guided in the best ways and means of communication.

To some extent, the Engaged Encounter, which is being used more and more in many church parishes as an integral part of preparation for marriage, fills this lacuna in communication education by taking the couples through an intense, extensive regimen of writing intimate letters to each other.

Even such an intense weekend falls short of what should be: a constant, ongoing nurturing of communication skills from day one of our childhood by parents, family elders, teachers, counselors, evangelists and coaches.

Again, we call upon the apostle James to wrap up the hard work and stiff challenge of positive communication: "Whoever does not fall short in speech is a perfect person, able to bridle the whole body also" (James 3:2).

Scripture says . . .

A gospel quiz

By Ed Young

- 1.) What town was Jesus raised in?
(A) Jerusalem (B) Nazareth
- 2.) Jesus was born to the tribe of:
(A) Galilee (B) Judah
- 3.) Jesus' ministry started at the age of
(A) 12 (B) 30

- 4.) What was John the Baptist's relationship to Jesus?
(A) Disciple (B) Cousin
- 5.) John the Baptist lost, his head because:
(A) he broke the Roman law
(B) of a sworn oath.

- 6.) Jesus' first two disciples were:
(A) John and James (B) Peter and Andrew
- 7.) Jesus spoke of the "born again" experience to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, because without experiencing that:
(A) you can't become a Hebrew.
(B) you can't enter the Kingdom of God.

- 8.) Which disciple was called "the one full of love for Jesus?"
(A) Peter (B) John
- 9.) What was God's reason for sending his Son to earth?
(A) To inform mankind that punishment awaits them because of their rebellion against Him.
(B) To seek out and save those who were lost; to preach the Gospel to the poor; to heat the brokenhearted; to deliver the captive, give sight to the blind, and set at liberty them that are bruised.

- 10.) The Church of Jesus Christ is made up of:
(A) good people who believe in the God of their understanding (B) The redeemed of the Lord.
Answers: All of the correct answers were (B)
I hope that the quiz shown in this column has been helpful in increasing your spiritual knowledge of the Bible.

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor,
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Mass Schedule:
St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass, 4 p.m. (March 2 starts at 5 p.m.)

Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m. Weekday masses (St. Ann): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome.
Lenten Schedule
Wednesday's Mass and Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

Bible study class after 6 p.m. mass in the Education Building.
Wednesday mass in the church during Lent.

Feb. 25: 6th through 12th grades CCD-CYO classes, 5-6 p.m.
Feb. 25: CCD class K-5, at the

regular times.

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Feb. 26: Confirmation class at 6:45 p.m.

Feb. 27: Pre-baptism class after mass and stations

All classes are in the Education Building.

Feb. 28-March 1, Father Kelly and Rietti will visit the sick and shut-ins.

March 1: First Friday, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30 a.m. mass. Exposition until noon.

The fifth annual St. Patrick 50/50 drawdown will be Saturday, March 16 at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

Tickets are available at the parish office and after weekend masses.

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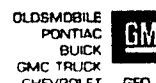
Then too, rest, relaxation, reading and contemplation are out. Being quiet is a lost art. The Christian day of rest is also lost.

We do not have time to contemplate the eternal, read the Bible, pray with our children, or enjoy the simple things of life.

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Check presentation

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St. Stanislaus raises funds for Bishop Perry Middle School

Teachers and students at St. Stanislaus College recently raised more than \$1,000 to benefit the Bishop Perry Middle School in New Orleans, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

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156 Lots/Acreage

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Public Notices

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.
WC-123186600
IN RE: NOTICE OF INTENT OF TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC. TO CHANGE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE IN ITS CERTIFICATED AREAS

DOCKET NO. 01-UN-0808
ORDER SETTING HEARING
THIS DAY, there came on sua sponte by the Mississippi Public Service Commission (Commission), the above-referenced Docket. The Commission finds that this matter is ready to be set for hearing.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this cause is set for hearing on March 6th and March 7th, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Commission, 1st Floor, Woolfolk State Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED, by the Commission on this the 13th day of February, 2002
(Seal)

Brian U. Ray
Executive Secretary
02/24/02

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.
WC-123186600
DOCKET NO. 01-UN-0809

IN RE: NOTICE OF INTENT OF TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC. TO CHANGE RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE IN ITS CERTIFICATED AREAS

ORDER SETTING HEARING
THIS DAY, there came on sua sponte by the Mississippi Public Service Commission (Commission), the above-referenced Docket. The Commission finds that this matter is ready to be set for hearing.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
EARL J. GUILLOTTE, JR. PLAINTIFF
VS.

THE HEIRS AT LAW OF EARL JOSEPH GUILLOTTE AND THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY E. GUILLOTTE DEFENDANTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-02027
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO

1) The Heirs at Law of Earl Joseph Guillotte, deceased, who are believed to be non-residents of the State of Mississippi, and whose names, place of residence, post office and street addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs after diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain same.

2) The Heirs at Law of Mary E. Guillotte, deceased, whose names, places of residence, post office and street addresses are unknown and remain unknown to Plaintiff, after diligent search and inquiry to ascertain the same.

YOU are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition to adjudicate Earl J. Guillotte, Jr. as the sole and only Heir at Law of Earl Joseph Guillotte and Mary E. Guillotte at 9:00 o'clock AM on the 22nd day of March, 2002, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse Annex at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 4th day of February, 2002.

JOHN MCADAMS
CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
BY: LINDA R. WILSON
DEPUTY CLERK
02/10; 02/17; 02/24/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY L. WEBRE, DECEASED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been issued and granted on the 4th day of February, 2002, to the undersigned in the matter of the Estate of Roy L. Webre, deceased, 2001-844, under the will of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration, according to law, within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7th day of February, 2002.

Leila W. Phillips
Attorney at Law
Post Office Box 8706
Moss Point, Mississippi 39562-8706
Telephone: (228) 475-2141
State Bar No. 04117
02/17; 02/24; 03/03/02

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Hancock County.

Executive's Notice to Creditors
of GEORGE JANVIER, JR.
2002-64

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of February, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of George Janvier, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 24 day of Feb., A.D., 2002.

s/ George Janvier, III
Executrix
02/24; 03/03; 03/10/02

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 2002-72

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of ROBERT J. HANBURY, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 4th day of February, 2002, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date for the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 7th day of February, 2002.

s/Anne Anthony
Wittmann & Wittmann
Frank P. Wittmann III
Attorney at Law
1820 22nd Avenue
Post Office Box 1648
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501-2953
(228) 864-1600
BAR No. 7344
02/10; 02/17; 02/24; 03/03/02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the public, the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, will on April 1, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., hold a Public Hearing in the Boardroom at the Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, regarding a review of private property pursuant to Miss. Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-5-105. The property is known as 831 Lakspur Lane, Shoreline Estates, Unit #2, Hancock County, Mississippi, Parcel 135R-46, 167,000.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, this the 4th day of February, 2002.

(Seal)

Timothy A. Kellar,
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County Building
By: Penny Dean, D.C.
02/24/02

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. YAUGER
LARRY RUGGLES PETITIONER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of James R. Yauger, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 7th day of February, 2002, and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the clerk of said court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 8th day of February, 2002 A.D.

Estate of James R. Yauger
Larry Ruggles, Administrator
Prepared by
BRAIN E. DRENNAN (Bar No. 100058)
JOE SAM OWEN (Bar No. 3965)
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. YAUGER
LARRY RUGGLES PETITIONER

CAUSE NO. 2002-75
RULE 17 SUMMONS
(Summons by Publication)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, WRONG-DEATH BENEFICIARIES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST AS HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES R. YAUGER, DECEASED, whose present residence and address is unknown

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Larry Ruggles, Administrator of the Estate of James R. Yauger, deceased, whose address is 3217 Marion Street, Lauderdale, PA.

The Petitioner is seeking to have Larry Ruggles, Crystal Yauger and Derrick Yauger adjudicated as the sole and only heirs-at-law of James R. Yauger, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action on 1:30 p.m. on Friday, the 15th day of March, 2002, in the courtroom Harrison County Courthouse at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 7 day of February, 2002.

(Seal)

Timothy Kellar, Chancery Clerk
By: Larrinell Scarborough
Dated 02/07/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. PLAINTIFF

VERSUS
DAVID R. MORRISON, SUZANNE C. MORRISON, C. BORNE, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO DEFENDANTS

Lot 48, Block 1, Amended Plat of Unit 2, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, according to the map or plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

CAUSE NO. 2002-97

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

TO (a) David R. Morrison if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced sale was c/o Roy H. Huffington, Inc., P.O. Box 4455 Houston, TX 77210, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law (b) Suzanne C. Morrison, if alive, whose mailing address at the time of the within referenced sale was c/o Roy H. Huffington, Inc., P.O. Box 4455, Houston, TX 77210, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, her unknown heirs at law (c) D. Borne, if alive, whose last known mailing address was 452 Carolyn Drive, Route 1, Des Moines, IA 50307, but whose present address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, his unknown heirs at law (d) ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN OR TO THE FOLLOWING LAND

Lot 48, Block 1, Amended Plat of Unit 2, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, according to the map or plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc., Plaintiff, whose address is 5300 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39520.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to PATRICIA H. WILLIS, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 and whose office location is 100 S. Beach Blvd., Suite 8, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 10 DAY OF Feb. 2002, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF, DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after said mailing.

Issued under my hand and official seal of said Court, this 8 day of Feb., 2002.

(Seal)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
BY: LARRINELL SCARBOROUGH
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County
P.O. Box 550, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
02/10; 02/17; 02/24/02

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
February 20, 2002

2002-UA-99
HANCOCK COUNTY
WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
WD020102801

IN RE: APPLICATION OF HANCOCK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING IT TO TRANSFER A CERTIFICATE FROM THE JORDAN RIVER ESTATES WATER SYSTEM TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of February, 2002, Hancock County Water & Sewer District filed with the Mississippi Public Service Commission the above referenced matter.

Any person desiring to participate in or receive further notice of these proceedings is required under Rule 6J of the Commission's Public Utility Rules of Practice and Procedure to file a written petition to intervene on or before twenty (20) days from the date of this notice.

This cause is returnable to the next regular meeting of the Commission to be held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2002, at the Mississippi Public Service Commission, 1st Floor, Woolfolk State Office Building, Jackson, Mississippi. This cause may be heard on said return date, if a hearing is necessary, or be subject to being set for disposition on a hearing date not less than twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this Notice. If protest, answer or other appropriate pleading is on file in response to this matter, the Commission will consider same on said hearing date.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL of the Mississippi Public Service Commission, on this, the 20th day of February, 2002.

(Seal)

Brian U. Ray
Executive Secretary
02/24/02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY ZONING MAP

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 4:45 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, to consider an application filed by Michael D. Haas for an amendment to the Zoning Map of Hancock County, Mississippi. The property involved in the map amendment is located on the West side of the Waveland-Kin Cutoff Road and is described as Lots 35 and 36, Square 212, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 7, Addition 4, and is currently zoned R-2A.

The proposed amendment will change the zoning classification of the property to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

Those interested in more information on the matter may wish to contact the Planning Commission at (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wille Gavney
Hancock County Building Official
02/21/02

Public Notices

NOTICE: GENERAL CONTRACTORS
Sealed bids will be received by the City of Waveland, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576, Mississippi, until 11:00 AM, April 17, 2002, and shortly thereafter opened for ADA RENOVATIONS TO THE WAVE LAND CITY HALL.

Bid specifications and instruction to Bidders are on file in the City Engineer's Office at 3038 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, and copies thereof may be obtained from Compton Engineering, Post Office Box 2785, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 (phone 467-2770) upon payment of \$200 which is non-refundable.

Said bid specifications are on file in the Waveland City Hall for review only. City of Waveland, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS 39576.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED", and state the location and bid opening date.

All envelopes must be stamped filed in the Waveland City Hall Office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The City of Waveland (the "Owner") reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities, and to award the Contract to serve the best interest of the Owner.

Published by Order of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, this the 7th day of February, 2002.

Tommy Longo Mayor
City of Waveland

2/24; 3/2/02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE HANCOCK COUNTY ZONING MAP

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, March 21, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, to consider an application filed by Rodney O. Carr for an amendment to the Zoning Map of Hancock County, Mississippi. The property involved in the map amendment is located on the East side of the Waveland-Kin Cutoff Road and is described as Lots 14 through 20, Square 140, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 7, Addition 4, and is currently zoned R-2A.

The proposed amendment will change the zoning classification of the property to C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

Those interested in more information on the matter may wish to visit the Zoning Office or call at (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wille Gavney
Hancock County Building Official
02/22/02

02/24/02

ORDINANCE NO. 413
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE TO BE CHARGED ON CONTRACTORS WHO ARE NOT LICENSED IN THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, BUT WHO ARE DULY LICENSED IN ANOTHER CITY OR COUNTY IN MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Section 27-17-457 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 allows certain contractors who are licensed by any one (1) municipality or county of the State of Mississippi or who hold a current certificate of responsibility issued by the State Board of Public Contractors to do business in any other municipality or county within the State without being required to obtain a license in such other municipality or county or to undergo any further examination; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow such contractors as mentioned above to do business in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi (the "City") without a City license and without any further examination it is necessary for City personnel to verify the information submitted by such contractors in support of their right to do business in the City without any further license or examination; and

WHEREAS, the verification process mentioned above requires City personnel to devote part of their time in order to insure that the information supplied by the said contractors is true and accurate;

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City do hereby find that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to assess an administrative fee to be paid by such contractors to pay for the cost of the time spent by City personnel in the said verification process

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authorities of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as follows:

Section 1. That the following Section 26-35 shall be added to Article I of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi:

"Sec. 26-35 Administrative Fee.

(a) There is hereby assessed an administrative fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to be paid by those contractors who qualify to do business in the City pursuant to the provisions of Section 27-17-457 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, without having to obtain a City license or undergo any further examination.

(b) Only one such fee shall be charged during the period for which such contractor's then current license or certificate of responsibility is valid."

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force one (1) month after its passage.

Councilman Farve moved, seconded by Councilman Compretta, to adopt Ordinance No. 413.

An Ordinance to Establish an Administrative Fee to be Charged to Contractors Who Are Not Licensed in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, But Who Are Duly Licensed in Another City or County in Mississippi.

A vote was called for with the following response: VOTING YEA: Thrifflay, Seal, Compretta, Farve, and Taylor.

VOTING NAY: None.

Whereupon Council President Taylor declared the foregoing ordinance adopted, this the 19th day of February 2002.

ATTEST:
PAULA C. FAIRCOUNNETTE
CLERK OF COUNCIL
02/24/02

ORDINANCE NO. 412
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, TO ADOPT VARIOUS STANDARD CODES RELATING TO INSPECTION ACTIVITIES AND ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING PROVISIONS AS PROVIDED IN SAID CODES

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Bay St. Louis to adopt, in all respects, the various Codes relating to mechanical, plumbing, gas, housing and electrical; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of these codes to facilitate proper inspection activities by the City of Bay St. Louis, relative to construction and to maintenance of building with the City of Bay St. Louis and relating to public health, safety and general welfare;

BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authorities of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, that: SECTION 1. The following codes are hereby adopted by reference as though they were copied herein fully:

International Code(s) 2001 Supplement
National Electrical Code 2002 Edition
Councilman Thrifflay moved, seconded by Councilman Seal, to adopt Ordinance No. 412, entitled "An Ordinance of the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to Adopt Various Standard Codes Relating to Inspection Activities and Enforcement of Building Provisions as Provided in Said Codes."

A vote was called for with the following response: VOTING YEA: Thrifflay, Seal, Compretta, Farve and Taylor.

Entertainment

Boxing at Casino Magic – sponsored by actor John Goodman's wife's company

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, in conjunction with Kingfish Boxing Productions, a new company formed by Anna Beth Goodman, wife of actor, John Goodman, present live boxing at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday, March 1.

The main event is a MidSouth Cruiserweight Championship bout between Andrew Greeley (8-1-0 6KO's) of Monroe, Louisiana and Tipton Walker (10-3-0 4KO's) of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Greeley is an exciting fighter with good punching power in both hands. Greeley has posted five first-round knockouts in eight career bouts since turning pro at age 19 in July 2000.

He finished his rookie campaign 2-0, with two first-round KO's. In a start on Nov. 3 from Monroe, La., the 20-year-old floored Ron Stringer in the opening stanza. The bout at Casino Magic should prove to be a real slugfest.

Walker is a former Michigan Golden Gloves Champion. At 6'3", 190 lbs. Competing in the Cruiserweight division, Walker is determined to make a name for himself.

Walker made his professional debut at the Laporte Civic Auditorium, knocking

out Eric Crumble in the first round. He then went on to win his second professional bout by defeating Pedro Rodriguez in a very tough four-round decision. Walker followed his second win with a KO over Gerald Moore in the first round.

He has also made a third appearance at the Laporte Civic Auditorium, against Donnie Pendleton on March 24, winning a four-round decision.

In April 2000, Walker lost a tough decision to Larry Banks of Las Vegas.

It was a close, well-fought fight in which Banks came out on top on two of the three judges' scorecards. Everybody in the arena thought Walker won the bout, including the referee who raised Walker's hand by mistake.

Walker would like to avenge that first loss, but he simply soon grew out of the Super Middleweight division and into the Light Heavyweight Division.

His trainer thinks it's only a matter of time before he will be a full-fledged heavyweight, but for the time being, he will compete in the Cruiserweight Division. His only loss in this division came at the hands of Chicago's Vince Durham, in Chicago on a very controversial split deci-

sion.

A rematch was quickly scheduled in neutral territory and Walker won in a unanimous decision.

Another great bout will be Indiana Light Heavyweight Champion, Nicholas Cook (9-0-0 4KO's) of Laporte, Indiana versus Dennis Mathews of Houston, Texas.

Cook turned professional January 15, 2000. His first year of boxing has landed him the title. He is undefeated in nine professional bouts. One of his greatest accomplishments as an amateur was winning the 1998 Chicago Golden Gloves, beating one of the country's outstanding amateur fighters.

Cook was recently quoted in his hometown newspaper as being excited about the fight at Casino Magic, in part, because of its location. He doesn't want to be known as a "hometown fighter or a club boxer used to sell a few extra tickets."

"We need to get away and get used to different environments, so when the big dance comes, we'll be ready," he said.

The card also includes Heavyweight, Preston "Bogalusa Boogiemann" Hartzog, (2-0-0 1KO) of Bogalusa, Louisiana versus Tony Adams of Pascagoula.

The power-punching Hartzog is formerly, All Army All Service Champion and a Silver Medal winner in the CISM (Counseil International du Sport Militaire) World Military Games in Croatia, in 1997. He is the former Louisiana Golden Gloves Champion and is the brother of Anna Beth Goodman.

Goodman has opened the Kingfish Boxing Club in New Orleans with Head Trainer Esteban Garcia, former trainer of 15 world champions, including Roberto Duran, Alexis Arguello, and Hector "Macho" Camacho.

Boxing fans will be pleased, as the night promises a total of six exciting, well-matched bouts. Locals will also enjoy commentary by the master of ceremonies, New Orleans' own Ronnie Virgets.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the first bout beginning at 7 p.m. All bouts subject to change. Must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

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Book review:

Great Gulf Coast Sails, Trails and Rails

By Dan Ellis

In keeping with his program of lauding local legacies, this is the 12th book of historical significance published by Dan Ellis. *The Great Gulf Coast – Sails, Trails and Rails* is exactly as its name states. It is the elucidation of coastal transportation from early times to the present.

With the exception of air travel, Ellis's chronicles begin with describing the water vessels that traveled the lakes, bayous, and the Mississippi Sound.

In this regard, he unfolds the colonial periods of domination by the French, British, and Spanish. And the flags honoring those nations went through serial changes until 1811, when the first American banner was raised displaying 15 stars and stripes.

This flag was presented by Dr. William Flood as he commanded his schooner, the Alligator, in making several stopovers along the Coast.

Mississippi went from being a territory to statehood – and its early first settlers experienced the Great Migration and the establishment of the

Antebellum era.

With the influx of new people, the early coastal towns and cities were primarily engaged in farming, fishing, lumbering, and ship building.

As New Orleans and inland plantations became attracted to the health benefits and exotic charm of the Gulf Coast, each of the coastal villages began vying against each other in attracting the rich Louisiana planters and businessmen.

Health resorts developed into famed "Watering Places" as grandiose hotels were built to accommodate and entertain the *Cream of Southern Society*.

Meanwhile, trails had been cut through the forests and marsh lands, first for the mail run, and later as farm-to-market roads. At the crossings of bayous and rivers, ferry stations were constructed.

The first major rail lines were built following the Civil War. In October 1870, two trains met at Chef Menteur Pass, one from New Orleans – the other from Mobile, in celebrating the 139-mile east-west line predecessor to the L&N,

now the CSX.

In October 1883, the first train along the northeastern line arrived at New Orleans from Meridian, Mississippi.

By 1901, the second railroad line running north and south, *the Gulf and Ship Island*, was opened beginning from the new village of Gulfport to Hattiesburg and on to Jackson, Mississippi.

Throughout the book can be found photos of streets, ferries, early automobiles, seawalls, train engines, depots, old hotels, and maps showing waterways, roadways, and railways.

The development of trolleys and streetcars are graphically shown and described as each of the coastal cities are unfolded through the 1800s, to the 1900s, and to the current period.

A special section is devoted to the significant problems, railroad operations, train wrecks and safety, track relocation, federal and state proposals, the Amtrak system, and the future of high-speed trains.

The book sells for \$20 at Bookends and Hillyer House.

Pass Elementary Cultural Fair

Pass Christian Elementary School is hosting a Cultural Fair Wednesday, March 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the school's Media Center.

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